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TWELVE O'CLOCK; M.

FROM EUROPE.

British Outrages in China—London Times and the Alabama Claims—Spanish Affairs—The Oriental Question—The Greek Chambers Yields to the Government Demands for Money and Men.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 26.—Reverdy Johnson received a deputation of Artizans desirous of founding a colony in Nebraska. Mr. Johnson encouraged them.

The *Times* publishes a letter from Mr. Dilkes, son of the eminent journalist, denouncing the recent violence by the British authorities at Yougtchow, China. Mr. Dilkes says upon such acts, that they are more dangerous to peace between England and the United States than the Alabama claims. The *Times* agrees with Mr. Dilkes, and pronounces the outrage a violation of the existing treaties, and justly offensive to the Chinese government.

An Athens dispatch states that two Turkish ships have been placed on the coast of Cerigo to prevent the departure of Greeks for Crete.

LONDON, December 26.—The *Times* this morning has another long editorial or the subject of the Alabama claims. The people of both England and America, the *Times* says, are uneasy in regard to the relations which are to exist in the future between the two nations. This uneasiness arises from ignorance of the true state of the negotiations pending on the Alabama question. The *Times* believes Secretary Seward himself obstructs the settlement, but that the question will be finally and amicably adjusted under the in-coming administration of President Grant. Reverdy Johnson is not likely to be removed by the administration, but will be permitted to remain and complete the work already begun. If Mr. Seward seeks to delay the settlement of this important question, he should be humored, but the basis of the protocol already agreed on by Lord Stanley and Mr. Johnson must remain fixed, and will sooner or later command the consent of both countries.

The Burlingame mission commenced its deliberations yesterday, and so far matters have been favorably discussed. The recent violence by a British man-of-war in the Chinese waters came up for investigation. Mr. Burlingame held such vessels should only be used to protect life and property when immediately exposed to danger, but otherwise the subject became properly a matter of diplomatic reference to the Ambassador at Pekin.

LONDON, December 27.—The Oriental question absorbs attention. That a conference will be held is not absolutely certain, and if held, sinister results, predicated upon similar attempts at conciliation, are foretold. The Sublime Porte declines to yield the independence, or to make a sale of Crete, or to transfer that island to Egypt, or any other of the necessary basis for a compromise. Lord Clarendon, as was to be expected, adheres to the old policy of England in regard to Turkey. Napoleon and the Emperor of Austria are undecided in their views, while it is thought Prussia leans towards those of Russia. It is certain that the Greeks count little on direct aid from Russia, but much on the insurrection on the part of their own countrymen in Turkey. The Cretans seem quiet and indifferent. A manifesto from Garibaldi tells them the proclamation of Spain as a Republic will be the watch word for a new movement on Rome and expects them to be in readiness for the event.

Henry W. Longfellow American poet, has declined a public dinner at Rome. He had dined with Hon. Wm. B. Reading, of that city, and George W. Childs, of the Philadelphia *Ledger*, was among the guests.

SPAIN.

MADRID, December 26.—Duke Montpensier announces liberal views in his manifesto to the Imperial Cortez. and suggests the nomination of his son, Duke Montpensier, for King, under a Regency.

MADRID, December 27.—The semi-official journals say that Spain will not even consider the subject of the sale of Cuba to the United States.

Additional troops have sailed for Cuba.

BRAZIL AND PARAGUAY.

It is said that President Sarmiento, of the Argentine Republic, has engaged the kind offices of General McMahon, American Minister at Paraguay, for an attempt to mediate with Lopez, and Don Pedro, the Brazilian Emperor, has, in consequence, threatened to withdraw the Brazilian Envoy from the Argentine Republic.

GREECE.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A dispatch from Athens, of the 24th, says that the Grecian Chamber has voted the money asked for by the government. The Chambers also granted the government full power to raise more, if need be, and made extraordinary levies of men for the army and navy.

MARINE NEWS.

QUEENSTOWN, December 26.—The steamship Cuba, from New York, touched here last evening.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 26.—The steamship Holsatia, from New York, arrived yesterday morning.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

PARIS, December 26.—Bourse firm; rentes 70f. 5c.

HAVRE, December 26.—Cotton declined: tres ordinaire on spot, 122f.; low middlings to arrive, 121f.

Three Persons Murdered and Burned.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

AUGUSTA, GA., December 26.—Gabriel Martin and his two maiden sisters, residing in Columbia county, were murdered and robbed on Thursday night, the house set on fire and the bodies consumed. Suspicion is said to rest on some negroes residing in the neighborhood as the perpetrators of the deed.

Fire at Ottawa, Canada.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

OTTAWA, December 26.—Five houses near Sapper's bridge were burned last night. They contained a large quantity of matches, sulphur and five thousand bushels of oats, all of which were consumed. Loss, $20,000.

Fire at Richmond, Va.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

RICHMOND, VA., December 26.—The distillery of R. Sedgwick, the plaister mill of Allen & Magruder, and seven small dwelling houses on Thirty-sixth street were destroyed by fire to-day. Loss $30,000.

CHICAGO.

Requium Mass Over the Remains of Doctor Dunne—Suicide of a Sister-in Law of Chas. Dickens, the Novelist.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

CHICAGO, December 27.—The celebration of the solemn Requium Mass over the remains of the late Dr. Dunne, formerly Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Illinois, took place yesterday at St. Patricks Cathedral. It was probably the most impressive ceremony of the kind ever witnessed in this city. The church edifice was crowded to its utmost capacity, and thousands congregated in front of the church unable to obtain admission. The Grand Mass was superbly rendered. Some forty or fifty Priests were in attendance and took part in the ceremonial, and also a large number of the Sisterhood, including the Sisters of Loretto, the Sisters of Mercy, Sisters of Charity and Sisters of the Holy Cross. The absence of Bishop Duggan from these services was much commented upon, and in many instances brought forth severe censure upon the conduct of that Prelate,

To-day the funeral obsequies of the deceased were celebrated in an imposing manner at the same place. The crowd in the vicinity of the Church was immense, largely composed of women and children, who manifested in a marked manner their sincere sorrow for the loss of their favorite spiritual father. The funeral procession moved at twelve o'clock, and embraced nearly all the Catholic societies of the city. The hearse was magnificently decorated, drawn by four elegant black horses, and guarded by a squad of Irish rifles in full dress with reversed rifles. Five bands furnished the music and the procession was more than a mile in length. The remains were thus escorted to the depot, placed in a car specially provided, and conveyed to Calvary Cemetery, where they were committed to earth.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Mrs. Augustus N. Dickens, widow of Augustus N. Dickens, a brother of Charles Dickens, the celebrated novelist, committed suicide yesterday, at No. 568 North Clark street, by taking an overdose of morphine. She sent her children to the house of her brother-in law, Mr. Lawrence, on Christmas eve, to take part in getting up a Christmas tree. They remained there over night, and on their return to their home in the morning, their mother was discovered on the floor dead, with a bottle of morphine by her side. Mrs. Dickens was thirty-five years of age. She leaves three children, respectively eleven, eight and three years of age, two sons and one daughter. She had suffered much of late from poverty, being dependent almost entirely upon her friends for the necessities of life. The acrimonious controversy growing out of the conduct of her distinguished brother-in-law, Chas. Dickens, towards Mrs. Dickens, on the occasion of his visit, will be remembered.

LATER.—There seems to be some doubt whether the death of Mrs. Augustus Dickens, the sister-in-law of Charles Dickens, resulted from premeditated self-destruction or from the indiscreet use of morphine. She had been in the habit of using the drug for some time past for neuralgic pains, and a few days before she had borrowed a book of a neighbor which treated of poisons, and had read it carefully, so that she must have been pretty well informed upon the character of the poison she was using. Still, there was no seeming reason for committing the deed. Although poor, she was beyond the reach of want, and had only the day before received a remittance of a certificate of deposit for one hundred dollars from some friendly source. The verdict of the Coroner's Jury was rather ambiguous. It was: "That the deceased came to her death by an overdose of morphine administered by herself while in a state of mental aberration." This verdict, if it means anything, would indicate the belief of the jury that Mrs. Dickens committed suicide. Still her friends believe that her death resulted from accidental causes. Mrs. Dickens was buried to-day. Her children will be carefully provided for.

Disastrous Fire at Lynn, Mass.—Six Hundred Persons Thrown Out of Employment.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

LYNN, Mass., December 26.—A fire this morning destroyed Lyceum Hall building, occupied by the First Central National Bank, W. S. Partridge, clothing, Perly B. Mansfield, hatter, and ex-Mayor Johnson, insurance agent. The property of the bank is probably safe in the vaults. Frazier's block, a large and costly building, containing the postoffice, was also burned. The letters and principal contents of the postoffice were safely removed. Among the occupants of the block were the Lynn Light Infantry, who lost all their arms and uniforms, the Sagamore Temple of Honor, the Lynwood Lodge Good Templars, a temporary theatre of the Boston Theatre Company and Wells & Musso, boot and shoe stitchers, the latter employing a large number of women. Mr. Frazier also had a shoe manufactory in the building. The flames next communicated with Rubie's block, which was destroyed. Among the occupants were Wm. H. Gale, Sanderson & Bro., Geo. H. Beede & Co., S. P. Driver & Bro., and Beede & Berry, also shoe manufacturers. Wm. A. Atwell, dealer in leather, occupied the basement. The firms all had large stocks, the greater part of which were removed before much damage was done.

The total loss is roughly estimated at $300,000. There are probably six hundred people thrown out of employment.

LATER.—Some of the principal losses by the fire are: Frazier's block, valued at $70,000; insured for $25,000; Mr. Frazier's loss on stock, $100,000; insured for $80,000. Lyceum Hall, valued at $15,000; insured for $6,000. Robinson's block cost $65,000; insured for $40,000. Wm. H. Gales' shoe manufactory, loss $25,000; fully insured. Sanderson & Bros' loss, $10,000; Geo. Beede & Co., $50,000, and Driver & Bros. $6,000, all insured. All the letters and everything of value in the Postoffice were saved. The funds and securities of the Central Bank were found safe in the vault.

—The New York *Sun* says of the proposed adjustment between the Central and Erie railroads: "It contemplates an alliance of interests of the combined companies, both to be allowed secure and unbroken connection with the west, thus giving to New York a wide and narrow gauge railroad to Chicago and St. Louis. In consideration of this arrangement, the pending suits against Vanderbilt are to be withdrawn or suffered to fall for want of prosecution, and no injunction shall be obtained against the New York Central scrip dividend. Vanderbilt withdraws his hostility to the Erie management, its financial operations and schemes for extension, and the two companies agree to conduct their respective roads as allies, both offensive and defensive. It is certain such a scheme of adjustment is now approaching perfection, and, unless interrupted by unforeseen obstacles, will be perfected on or before the first of January."

—Speaker Colfax and wife left Springfield, Mass., on Saturday morning for Albany.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK A. M.

THE CAPITAL.

Currency Matters—Appeal for the National Monument—Binckley Again—Business of the Court of Claims.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

WASHINGTON, December 26, 1868.

CURRENCY.

The fractional currency printed during the week amounted to $455,000; shipments $326,289. National Bank currency issued $94,810; amount in circulation $299,767,044. Fractional currency destroyed $791,084.

BINCKLEY.

Solicitor Binckley in a card reviews Representative Van Wyck's late report and denies the truth of the statements therein concerning him.

WASHINGTON, December 27, 1868.

NATIONAL MONUMENT.

The Washington National Monument Society has addressed an appeal to the pastors of the religious congregations of the United States, asking them to cause collections to be taken up in their respective churches, on the Sunday immediately preceding the 22d of February next, the amount to be remitted to the Treasurer of the Society, in order that work on the monument may be resumed. The appeal is signed by Andrew Johnson, President ex-officio; S. J. Bowers, first Vice President; U. S. Grant, second Vice President; W. W. Corcoran, Third Vice President; J. B. H. Smith, Treasurer, and Carroll Breat, Secretary.

COURT OF CLAIMS.

A document just published shows the number of judgments rendered by the United States Court of Claims during the present year, the names of the parties in whose favor they were rendered, and of their attorneys and the amounts awarded. The Court gave favorable judgments in fifty-three cotton cases, the cotton having been captured by the United States forces. Claimants in all such suits are required to prove their loyalty to the United States at the time of the capture. The aggregate of the cotton claims is five hundred thousand dollars. The sums awarded range from under one thousand to forty-four thousand dollars. The Court threw out the claims for acceptance of sundry bills of exchange or drafts by John B. Floyd, Secretary of War.

THE ALABAMA CLAIMS.

The State Department has not received from Reverdy Johnson for a week past any intelligence concerning the Alabama claims negotiations.

ST. LOUIS.

Collision of Freight Trains--Engineers and Firemen Killed -- Another Accident--The Indians--Gen. Sheridan.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

ST. LOUIS, December 27.—Two freight trains on the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad collided two miles west of Chillicothe, about three o'clock on Thursday morning. Both engineers, A. A. Cooper and H. Young, and both firemen, Muffets and Keevy, were instantly killed. The engines were completely smashed, and several of the cars burned. Both trains were running on telegraph time. It is stated that the body of a young lady was found in the wreck, burnt to a crisp from the waist up.

A train on the Iron Mountain Railroad was thrown from the track just below Jefferson Barracks, about fourteen miles from this city, yesterday morning. One of the cars, containing about twenty persons, was precipitated down an embankment, making two complete revolutions, and nearly every person was more or less injured, some of them severely, but none fatally.

The weather has been very mild to-day and the snow which fell on Christmas night has nearly disappeared.

Gen. Sully sent a detachment of cavalry from Fort Harker on the 21st inst. to scour the upper valleys of the Salamon, Republican and Saline rivers in Kansas, it being reported that Indians have recently been seen in that region. Gen. Sully thinks that Gen. Sheridan will return from his campaign in twenty or thirty days and will suspend operations until March to give his horses a rest.

Mexican Advices.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, Dec. 25.—Advices from Mexico state that two thousand laborers were engaged in constructing the Vera Cruz railroad. Gen. Canto had been sent to Durango. Gen. Querioga was operating against Escobedo. Petitions had been presented to Congress for the abolition of the death penalty, for the creation of a Bank of Hypothecates, and for the construction of a railroad from the Capitol via Oxaca to the Pacific Ocean. The financial and commercial condition of the Republic was critical. Congress has approved the project of allowing free export of minerals. A subvention of $15 per ton is to be granted to vessels constructed in the Republic. Preparations for working the petroleum well in Oxaca have commenced. The formation of New Leon into a separate State had been conceded by Congress. The question of forming the new State of Hidalgo was under discussion; also a proposition to export gold and silver bars under the same duty as coined money. Congress had organized a grand jury to try Mejia and Romero. Mejia was found not guilty. The case of Romero was undecided. A project of amnesty had been presented in Congress and was under discussion. The journals generally and General Palacio advocate clemency.

HAVANA, December 26.—The following additional Mexican news has been received by the steamer Washington, from Vera Cruz:

General Rosecrans, United States Minister, was received by President Juarez on the 19th. The Congressional Committee on the same day reported the treaties, except the Consular. Mr. Plumb, late Secretary Legation and acting Minister, was to leave Mexico January first. The concession grant to the Tehauntepec route was under discussion. Payments by the Treasury had recently been punctually made. Public meetings favorable to the Cuban revolution had been held. General Escobedo was pushing his movements in Tamaulipaz. Vargas had offered to surrender, but the terms proposed were refused. A plan of conscription had been introduced by the Minister of War.

The Washington brings a million and a half of specie for Europe.

CUBA.

Contradictory Accounts of the Recent Battle Between the Insurgents and Government Troops—Reported Landing of the Fillibusters.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

HAVANA, December 27.—The Government publishes in the *Gaeta* the following account: After the battle of Moran the troops found among the baggage captured from the insurgents several jars of strychnine. Information previously received by the Government stated that strychnine was to be used to poison Spanish troops throughout the Island.

An official account of the battle states that the Governmeni troops came up with the revolutionists on the 18th inst., eighteen miles from Puerto Principe. They stormed the entrenched camp of the enemy and attacked them with bayonets. The latter were routed, losing many men killed and wounded. According to the official account the loss of the Government troops was slight, only one man killed and eight wounded. The loss of the Revolutionists is not given, it being only stated that seven hundred horses were captured.

The Cuban account of the affair states the government troops lost heavily in killed and wounded. The revolutionists also deny that the government troops captured all their arms and ammunition.

General Latorre sailed yesterday for Santiago with troops, to take command of the Eastern department. The revolutionists have destroyed the light house at Lucretia Point, endangering the navigation of the Bahama channel.

HAVANA, December 23—*via Lake City, Fla.*, December 27.—It is reported that eight hundred fillibusters landed at Bay Cochinos, Santiago, December 18th; also that the Government has only eighteen hundred troops in that part of the Island, and that they are surrounded by ten thousand of the revolutionary band. Laborers are without food and are forced to join the revloutionists. Business is suspended and importations stopped. The authorities are without funds and pay nobody. Distress and gloom everywhere prevail

Manzanillo, Dec. 20th, via Lake City, Fla., 27th.—The government force here, numbering six hundred, are closely besieged. Occasionally skirmishes take place between the revolutionary forces and government troops, but lead to no important results. The government troops are suffering from bad and insufficient diet, and in consequence cholera has broken out among them.

NEW YORK CITY.

[By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, December 26, 1868.

The case of the United States against Blairdell, Eckel and others, for alleged heavy frauds on revenue, has been assigned for trial before Judge Blatchford on Tuesday next, District Attorney Courtney having received instructions to bring it about as early as possible.

Judge Cardozo to-day vacated his order for taking the compulsory affidavit of Alex S. Diven, Vice President of the Erie Railway.

One Thomas Hencks was frozen to death in Brooklyn last night.

A break occurred this evening in the main gas pipe on Broadway, in front of the Olympic. The escaping gas forced its way through the masonry under the theatre, and was first discovered in the ticket office. A man was sent below with a light, when, on his entering the vault, the gas ignited, burning him severely. The gas continued burning during the performance of the play, without the audience, however, being aware of the circumstance. Every precaution was taken to guard against a panic.

Collector Smythe has declined a tender of a testimonial from the officers of Customs in this port, who proposed to have his portrait painted and hung up in the Collector's office, there to be always preserved. In his reply to the flattering letter of these gentlemen he expresses the hope for the early passage by Congress of Mr. Jenckes' civil service bill. Mr. Clinch, Deputy Collector, has accepted a similar compliment proposed.

The ice on the Hudson river is said to be in a better condition than for several winters, and the Poughkeepsie Ice Boat Association propose to have an ice boat regatta for a piece plate by next Wednesday, if the weather continues favorable.

The liabilities of Lathrop, Ludington & Co. are stated at four million dollars.

Arrived, the steamships United Kingdom and Europa, from Glasgow via Mavilæ.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

—M. W. Perkins' powder mill, at Westfield, Mass., was destroyed on Thursday night by an explosion and fire. Loss $15,000.

—Waterhouse's Cassimere Factory, Warwick, Rhode Island, was burned on Christmas. Loss $60,000. Insured mostly in Boston offices.

—H. Malcourt was killed on Saturday by being crushed between two cars on the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad, at Big Run Station.

—James C. Lillies and Edward Ruth are under arrest at Boston on supicion of being concerned in the murder of Faulkner, the Malden watchman.

—Inspector General Ayres, of General Rousseau's staff, left New Orleans a few days ago for the disturbed portion of Arkansas, in order to examine into the condition of affairs and report.

—The city of Havana was much excited on Christmas by the reported success of the revolutionists. It is thought the reports were started to cause an outbreak, but everything remained quiet.

—Advices from Venezuela state that Generals Domingo, Monagas' nephew, and Rubeto Monagas, son of the deceased President Monagas, are candidates for the Presidency. The country was tranquil.

—Advices from Hayti state that Jacmel continues closely besieged. On the 9th inst. the garrison repulsed the piquets, both parties sustaining heavy losses. Salnave's men-of-war hover about the coast. The revolutionists are confident of fortifying the interior.

—An inspection of the Peruvian monitors resulted in the Board reporting that they were unfit for sea. They will sail next week for Pensacola for repairs before taking their final departure. If report is true, the Peruvian Government has been badly swindled in the sale, and a month may intervene before they sail for Peru.

—The Springfield (Mass.) *Republican* says that a highly important movement of recognized kings of express companies is going on. Among those engaged in it are the managers of the late American Express Company, R. L. Johnson, of Albany, W. N. Melchor, of Boston, and Col. J. M. Thompson, the original proprietor of Thompson's Express. It is understood this combination, with their associates, meet at the solicitation of a large number of business men, not only of New England but of the entire west, to establish express facilities throughout the territory now occupied by the American and Merchants Union Express Company.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

THE COURTS.

United States Court—Bankruptcy Branch.

The following petitions for adjudication in bankruptcy were filed Saturday: Adolphus C. Schulz, Allegheny county; Benjamin F. Williams, Indiana county; Parry Briel, Bedford county; Zaphor Teed, Lycoming county; John B. Bean, Tioga county.

District Court—Judges Hampton and Kirkpatrick.

Two importance questions of jurisdiction were informally suggested in this Court on Saturday. The first involved the jurisdiction of the District Court in cases of equitable proceedings, in partition, it being claimed by some of the profession, and, as we understand, such is the opinion of some of the members of the Court, that the jurisdiction attaches exclusively to the Court of Common Pleas, although for many years it has been exercised by the District Court. The second involves the jurisdiction of the District Court in cases of Lateral Railroads, it being claimed, by an equally divided professional and judicial opinion, that the power in all such cases is exclusively in the Court of Common Pleas, although for a long time the District Court has been taking cognizance of such matters. This is a matter of great importance, as it involves the title to a great deal of real estate. Court has ordered an argument of the question during this week.

The argument list will be taken up in this Court this week.

Common Pleas—Full Bench.

The following business was transacted in this Court on Saturday:

On motion of T. M. Marshall, Esq., J. Smith De Shabby, of New Castle, was qualified and admitted to practice.

A petition in divorce was filed by Philip Markle against Gertrude Markle and subpœna awarded.

B. F. Kennedy, Esq., was appointed auditor to examine the accounts and dockets of the Prothonotary, Register, Recorder and Clerks of the several County Courts.

The argument list will be taken up in this Court on Thursday next.

Criminal Court—Judges Mellon and Stowe.

Court met at ten o'clock on Saturday morning, and the following business was transacted:

THE CASE OF LEWIS LANE.

In the case of Lewis Lane, indicted for wife poisoning, W. T. Haines, Esq., presented the following paper:

Commonwealth vs. Lewis Lane. And now, December 26, A. D. 1868, it appearing to the Court that the said Lewis Lane, because of his poverty, is unable to procure the attendance of witnesses in his behalf, actually necessary for procuring him a fair and just hearing in his trial for murder, it is hereby ordered and directed that the said defendant shall have compulsory process issued and served on any and all witnesses necessary for his said defense, at the proper costs and charges of the county of Allegheny.

The Court expressed its willingness to make a recommendation to the Commissioners if an officer could be procured to serve the subpœna, but the county was not authorized to pay the costs.

Patrick McKenna, convicted of the larceny of a cloak, was sentenced to pay the costs of prosecution and undergo an imprisonment of four months in the county jail. As he was marched off by a tipstave he said: "I appale to a higher court, sir."

The Drummer Boy of Shiloh.

We have received the following red hot having any particular feeling ourself upon the subject:

PITTSBURGH, PA., December 27, 1868.

EDITORS GAZETTE: Attracted by my sympathy with the cause of the soldiers' widows and orphans to witness a drama for their benefit, entitled "The Drummer Boy of Shiloh," now being played at the Academy of Music in this city, I attended there a few evenings since, and was much surprised and mortified to find that the negro soldiers of the late war were grossly communication which we give place to, not and unfeelingly *insulted*—insulted, too, by men who in the hurricane of battle witnessed the dauntless bravery of the gallant but unfortunate *African* nation. To every soldier who served in the Army of the United States, the exhibition of a woolley headed savage done up in minstrel caricature, as a representative of the immortal African troops, who, under Butler, Hunter, and numerous others, performed deeds of valor imperishable as the Union, which their bravery so well assisted to maintain, the play of the Drummer Boy of Shiloh was a damning insult, and I, who have seen the charge of the African Brigade at Fort Wagner and witnessed their glorious immolation at Milliken's Bend and Duteh Gap Canal, could scarce believe that any officer of the American Army would countenance so ruffianly an exhibition as that of the idiot "a la Minstrel," at the Academy of Music, who takes the part of the African. Were such a thing attempted in either Richmond, Memphis or New Orleans, the actors therein would be "hooted" and booted off the stage. Whatever may be the faults of the African people amongst themselves, no stain rests upon their martial honor. Lee never yet saw a captured African nor the back of a negro soldier, and as an African soldier who performed his duty by the flag of the land of his adoption, I hereby protest against further outraging African-American feeling in Pittsburgh. Should any of the caricaturists of the negro character at the Academy of Music desire anything further from me they will find me at my barber shop.

DOCTOR GENERAL JACKSON,
Practical Barber and late Officers' Servant and Brevet Corporal 12th U. S. Colored Infantry, &c.

Presentations.

Prof. W. B. Slack, teacher of music in the Monongahela District of the Pittsburgh Schools, was made the happy recipient of a fine large turkey on Monday afternoon last, as a Christmas gift from the pupils of Mr. W. Irvin's school, Twenty-third ward. The gift was a very appropriate one for the occasion and was duly appreciated, especially on Christmas day about noon.

On Thursday afternoon Mr. Slack was further made aware of the respect and esteem with which he is regarded, by the receipt of a handsomely bound and elegantly printed copy of Milton's life and complete works, presented in behalf of the Directors and pupils of the Sixth ward school, by Mr. Hamilton. The Professor on this, as on the former occasion, returned his thanks in a few pertinent remarks, expressing the hope that his actions in the future might prove more than his language, the kindly feelings which he entertained toward the generous and liberal hearted donors. Episodes like these are always surrounded with many agreeable memories and will often be recalled by each participant with feelings of satifaction and pleasure.

Amusements.

OPERA HOUSE.—The charming M'lle Ravel, the French actress in pantomime, the celebrated danseuse who has filled the eyes of the world as the most graceful on the stage, and tight rope walker without an equal, will commence a brief engagement at the Opera House to-night, appearing in the "French Spy." This is a role in which she is without peer, all others who attempt it being mere imitators of Ravel. The splendid farce of "Pleasant Neighbor" will conclude the performance.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.—The "Fairy Talisman," with new scenery, striking mechanical effects, and charming actors, will be presented to-night. Miss Susie Summerfield, the popular and pretty danseuse, will appear for the first time this season on the boards.

MASONIC HALL.—The inimitable Newcomb's Minstrels of Cincinnati, who are justly ranked as the very best interpreters of song and the cork opera in America, will open on Wednesday evening next at Masonic Hall. This troupe embraces the pioneer of Ethiopian minstrelsy, as well as many of the most finished vocalists of the profession. Let none fail to be present during their stay.

THE DRUMMER BOY OF SHILOH.—On Saturday night the brief season announced for the production of this sterling historical drama, closed with an overflowing audience. The play has had a brilliant run, and probably was visited by nearly seven thousand persons during its continuance on the boards, and it would draw just as many more if kept longer before the public, who are only awakening to its great merits. It is a thrilling composition, full of beauty, abounding in interesting scenery, faithful to army life, graphic and patriotic, and as it has been rendered in Pittsburgh, is worthy the patronage of every person no matter of what creed, color or politics. The gentlemen sustaining the characters acquitted themselves in a praise-worthy manner, while the ladies performed in a way which would have gained them high place in the estimation of fastidious dramatic critics.

At the earnest solicitation of many friends the play will be repeated for three nights more, commencing on Thursday. All who would not deprive themselves of the grandest intellectual treat of the season should avail themselves of the few last opportunities for seeing and hearing the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh."

MR. HARTZ, THE MYSTERIOUS MAN.—So much has been said and written of this great professor of the magic art lately, that we must confess we are very anxious to witness the wonders of which he is said to be so capable. But we imagine we are not the only ones who are anxious to see Hartz, for there has not been anything else talked about, since it first got about that he was coming. His first performance of his short engagement takes place to-night at the Academy of Music, and he will only perform on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, with a matinee on the latter day. Those wishing good seats had better see about getting them at once. They can be secured at Mellor's music store.

THE HINDOO EXHIBITION.—Mr. Gordon will give his interesting and instructive entertainment this evening in the Fourth U. P. Church, corner of Penn and Harrison streets, and to-morrow evening in the Baptist Church, on Nixon street, above Webster, Manchester. These will be their last in Pittsburgh. As this entertainment has been given to large audiences in twenty different places in Pittsburgh and vicinity during the past month, its merits are too well known to need further comment, and those who have not enjoyed it will do well to improve the opportunity afforded on these two last evenings.

ORPHANS' FAIR.—The Orphans' Fair in the basement of St. Paul's Cathedral is quite an important centre of attraction, and will amply repay a visit.

FAIR.—The Fair of the Mission Church Aid Society, at the Church, corner of North and Avery streets, Allegheny, is eminently worthy of patronage.

GRAND REPUBLICAN BALL.—A grand Republican ball, under the auspices of many of our leading political friends, will be held on Wednesday evening at City Hall. This is intended to be a jubilee in honor of the election of Grant and Colfax, and will be very select and fashionable.

Christmas at New Brighton.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW BRIGHTON, Dec. 26, 1868.

The holiday festivities have commenced here in earnest. The stores and shops were thronged with purchasers the day before Christmas, and busy hands were at work in nearly all the churches fitting up Christmas trees and preparing gifts for the Sabbath School children, that they might enjoy a happy Christmas.

In the First Methodist Church prayer meeting was held at five o'clock in the morning. It was well attended, and proved a good spiritual repast. At ten o'clock in the morning the Sabbath School, with its patrons and friends, met in the audience room of the church, which was neatly fitted up with two fine spruce trees in the altar and a rainbow arch spanning the altar, all neatly decorated with pictures, dolls, candies, pretty apples, and various presents for old and young. The exercises consisted of reading, singing, prayer, addresses, naming classes for the ensuing year, distribution of gifts, etc. In the evening the exercises consisted of an address by the pastor, remarks by several of the laity, singing, presentation of gifts, &c.

The M. E. Church held a Fair and Festival, commencing on Christmas eve, and had a pretty good time.

The Baptist Church had a christmas tree and festival, and pretty good success.

The Episcopalians and Roman Catholics had their usual decorations and services.

The day passed very pleasantly. Some of the oldest citizens say they never enjoyed a Christmas so much as this. C.

Mortuary Report.

Dr. A. G. M'Candless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following interments in the city of Pittsburgh for the week commencing December 13th and ending December 20th, 1868:

Males.....12 | White.....21 | Total..... 21
Females..... 9 | Colored..... 0 |

DISEASES—*Adults*—Unknown, 1; Delirium Tremens, 1; Old Age, 1; Disease of Lungs, 4; Poisoning, 1; Disease of Brain, 1—9. *Children*—Scarlatina, 5; Murdered by its Parents, 1; Convulsions, 2; Septicalmia, 1; Hydrocephalus, 1; Intermittent Fever, 1; Enlargement of Heart, 1—12.

Of the above there were: Under one year, 3; from 1 to 2, 2; 2 to 5, 2; 5 to 10, 2; 10 to 15, 2; 15 to 20, 1; 20 to 30, 2; 30 to 40, 2; 40 to 50, 1; 60 to 70, 3; 70 to 80, 1.

—At Lawrence, Kansas, on Saturday, the residence of General George W. Dertzler, together with the furniture, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss twenty-five thousand dollars; insured for seven thousand dollars, in the North American, of Philadelphia. The fire was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary, as General Dertzler and family are East, and no fire had been in the building for several days.

The Pittsburgh Gazette.

EPITOMETS.

—The steam-mule is a New Orleans.

—Saratoga is applying for a city charter.

—Egypt is to have an uniformed police.

—Houston, Texas, has a German paper.

—Dog shows are now popular in England.

—Montreal and Greeley enjoyed each other.

—Bob Lincoln has speculated and lost money.

—Small pox has succeeded earthquakes in Lima.

—Michigan is to have a chess tournament next month.

—Harrisburg says none of its young men wear corsets.

—Olive Logan is said to flow lecture in a fine Grecian bend.

—Thirteen murderers adorn the solitude of the New York tombs.

—Tostee fell down stairs on Wednesday and hurt herself badly.

—Any number of skating rinks are being put up in Philadelphia.

—Greece is about to adopt the French decimal coinage system.

—The income of La Grande Duchesse Schnider last year was $80,000.

—The What is it? of Barnum has decided to again appear before the public.

—S. D. Cook, of Detroit, wants to play checkers with anybody for $1,000 a side.

—The New York Sorosis had a fine Christmas tree furnished by Jennie June.

—Rumor speaks of Victoria's abdication in case of the disestablishment of the Irish Church.

—Twenty million cubic feet is the estimated amount of this year's crop of Vesuvian lava.

—Ten million shoes have been made this year at Lynn. These few shoes are valued at $17,000,000.

—London has a burlesque on the lugubrious "Stranger," and therein Mrs. Haller dances the can-can.

—A Christian at Oswego authorized the anonymous distribution of three thousand loaves of bread to the poor.

—Jubal Early has denied some of Pollard's confederate tales, and his friends advise him to arm to himself.

—Mrs. Jeremiah Warren was fatally injured in Lowell, Mass., on Tuesday, by the explosion of a petroleum lamp.

—"Metternich green and a stunning bend" is the vivid description of Miss Kellogg as she appeared at Springfield.

—Dr. Paul M. Brennan, accused of murder and outrage in Connecticut, was on Wednesday discharged from custody.

—Mazzini is getting well and says no one need expect him to die until the United States of Europe is an acknowledged fact.

—In New York 870 children died during the past year of scarlatina, and the same disease killed off 402 children in Brooklyn.

—The Chicago *Republican* comes to us in a very fine new dress and in folio form. The *Republican* looks very like the *Tribune* now, and we cannot think it is as elegant in appearance as formerly.

—A gentlemanly Kentuckian named Chesley Tapp, well dressed and with plenty of money, a passenger on a steamer descending the White river, jumped overboard and was drowned. His body has not been recovered, but his friends say he was insane.

—A great sensation in New York recently was caused by the marriage of a youthful lawyer's-clerk, and a school girl, daughter of a prominent dry-goods merchant. The youthful couple adjourned to a hotel, secured the services of a minister, and then defied opposition. The "cruel father" has thus far remained obdurate.

—A family living eight miles from Bloomington, Ill., started in a wagon for that place a few days ago. The three children were wrapped in some straw and a buffalo robe and placed in the bottom of the wagon. Nothing was heard of them until they arrived at Bloomington, but when they were uncovered they were found to be frozen to death.

—A human skeleton, petrified and entombed in a carefully hewn grave, was discovered recently near Sauk Rapids, Minn., by some workmen. It is supposed to be all that remains of an antediluvian giant, and measures ten feet nine and a half inches; the skull is thirty-one and a half inches in circumference. The skeleton is complete, excepting the left foot and one thumb and finger of the left hand.

—For more than two hundred and fifty years Prussia and Mechlenburg have been disputing the right of governing the little town of Wolde in Pomerania; during all of which time that municipality has enjoyed perfect independence. The two governments have, however, at length brought their negotiations to a close, and citizens of Wolde are liable hereafter to serve in the Mechlenburg contingent.

—A citizen of Portland, Me., imagining himself to be a sort of Noah and believing that, rainbows to the contrary, the world is shortly to be again submerged, has invested the whole of his property, some $6,000 in all, in building an ark. The boat will be fifty feet long, fifteen feet wide, flat bottomed, square sterned, round bows, with a house a little aft of amidship. He is sole planner and builder, and intends when it is completed, to furnish it with necessary provisions, and calmly await the rising of the waters.

—The *Scientific American* warns its readers and the public generally to beware of benzine, which though a household necessity, is a dangerous servant. It says: Being one of the most volatile and inflammable products resulting from the distillation of petroleum, it vaporizes with great rapidity, so that the contents of a four-ounce vial, if overturned, would render the air of a moderate-sized room highly explosive. The greatest care should be exercised in handling this substance in proximity to fire, and it is important to remember that the vapor escaping from an uncorked bottle will cause a flame to leap over a space of several feet.

East River Bridge.

Now that there is some prospect that the bridge over the East river, connecting this city and Brooklyn, will be constructed, the following description of the design, as given by the chief engineer of the company, Mr. John A. Roebling, who was also the engineer of the famous Cincinnati suspension bridge, will prove interesting. On the Brooklyn side the bridge will commence near the junction of Fulton and Main streets, 68 feet above high-water mark; crossing Prospect street near its intersection with Fulton, the bridge will begin in the block bounded by Fulton, Prospect, Sands, and Washington streets; from this point the structure will run 837 feet to the anchor walls, which will occupy the site of James street, near Garrison; this part of the bridge, from the terminus to the anchorage, will be supported by iron girders or trusses, resting at short intervals on small piers of masonry or iron columns. The east tower, which will be hollow, will be erected 1,056 feet from the anchor walls, and will weigh nearly 70,000 tons. It will have a heavy timber foundation 174 feet in length by 96 in width and 20 feet deep. From this the masonry starts three feet below low water. The floor of the tower will be 118 feet above high water, and the height of the resting above the floor will be 156 feet, making a total height of 268 feet from high water to the top tower, not including the balustrade and ornamental blocks on the top. There will be four cables 15 inches in diameter if of iron; and 11 inches if of steel. They will enter the anchor wall at an elevation of about 90 feet above high water, passing 20 feet into the masonry, and there connecting with the anchor chains, which are to be attached to massive plates imbedded to heavy masonry. The cables will be suspended 3,480 feet, 1,600 of which will be span across the river, from tower to tower, while on each side of the river there will be 940 feet, rising from the anchorage to the summit of either tower. The bottom of the bridge floor will be 118 feet above high water, and will be provided with six tiers of iron trusses, while iron floor beams will be laid at intervals of seven feet. The weight of the superstructure of the central span, resting on the cables and stays, and including the weight of the cables themselves, is 3,483 tons. The greatest weight of crowds of people and railway trains on the bridge is 1,270 tons. The cable and stays are estimated to bear up six times this maximum weight. The stays alone would hold up 15,000 tons weight, so that if the cable broke the bridge would sink somewhat in the centre, but would not fall. The New York tower will be built near Fulton Market, and will correspond in dimensions with the Brooklyn tower. There will be anchorage near Franklin Square, corresponding to that at James street, on the Brooklyn side, and the bridge approaches will commence at the site of the *Staats Zeitung* office opposite the City Hall Park. The cost of the bridge is estimated at $6,675,000, and the land approaches on each side to a sum sufficient to make the whole cost of the structure about $8,000,000. The Bridge Company consists of thirty-seven prominent citizens of this city and Brooklyn, including Governor Hoffman, Mayor Kalbfleish, Mr. H. E. Pierrepoint, and other distinguished gentlemen.—*N. Y. Newspaper.*

The Coming War in Europe.

[From the New York Sun.]

The most terrible wars of modern times have sprung from comparatively trivial causes, illustrating the Divine apothegm, "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth." The collision between Turkey and Greece may set all Europe in a flame. It is but too apparent that the Great Powers have for a year past only been waiting for a good opportunity to fly at each others' throats. The military strength of the belligerents therefore becomes a matter of interest. Dealing only in round numbers, the forces of Russia, Prussia, France, Austria and Italy, including those troops which correspond to our militia, stand about as follows:

Russia	1,400,000
Prussia	1,230,000
France	1,350,000
Austria	1,100,000
Italy	480,000

We include with Prussia the South German States that were compelled to follow her lead after the great victory of Sadowa.

These are the five kingdoms that are most likely, in the event of a general European war on account of the Turkish-Grecian question, to join in the grand melee. Russia and Prussia, and perhaps Italy, would be very apt to act together, though Italy might try to remain neutral, while France and Austria would be apt to take the other side. Assuming that Italy will take an attitude of neutrality, while Russia and Prussia on the one hand, and France and Austria on the other, should enter into the field as allies, their respective forces would number as follows:

Russia and Prussia	2,630,000
France and Austria	2,450,000

It would be a spectacle over which humanity would shudder to see these five millions of human beings, who have not the slightest grounds for any personal quarrel, doing their utmost to murder one another at the bidding of two kings and two emperors.

Remarkable Jumping by a Train of Cars.

One of the most fortunate escapes from a serious railroad accident occurred on the Erie Railway on the 18th instant. The day express for Buffalo, when approaching Middletown, and traveling at the rate of twenty miles an hour, was thrown from the track by a misplaced switch. Dashing along over the sleepers for a distance of two hundred feet, the engine finally struck an iron frog, and was violently placed once more on the rails of a side track, having in this distance crossed two sets of intervening rails. The tender and all the cars, five in number, followed the engine, and when the terrified passengers came rushing out the train was all prepared to run back to a switch and be transferred to the main line. No injury was suffered by person or property, and but ten minutes time was lost.

ORIGIN OF MAHOGANY FURNITURE.—A West India Captain, about the beginning of the eighteenth century, had brought some logs of it as ballast for his ship, and gave them to his brother, Dr. Gibbons, an eminent physician, who was then building a house. The wood was thrown aside as too hard for the workmen's tools. Sometime afterward his wife wanted a candle box. The Doctor thought of the West India wood, and out of that the box was made. Its color and polish tempted the Doctor to have a bureau made of the same material, and this was thought so beautiful that it was shown to all his friends. The Duchess of Buckingham, who went to look at it, begged wood enough to make another bureau for herself. Then the demand arose for more, and Honduras mahogany became a common article of trade.—*Dickens' All The Year Round.*

IN reporting the arrest of another Internal Revenue officer, the Government agent now at work in New Orleans adds that he has not yet seen an honest Government official in Louisiana. The statement is probably strong, but it is well calculated to recall a remark of Mr. Lincoln's: "I know I sent some honest men South," said he, "but I don't have any assurance that they are honest now." We know that there were one or two honest men sent to Louisiana.

Gov. Tod's Will.

Governor Tod's will disposes of property to the value of $500,000. No legacies are made outside of the family. His four sons are named as executors and trustees. The following extract will be read with interest: "Item 2. The silver present received at Rio Janeiro, and the gold snuff-box presented to him at Columbus by his military staff, to his wife, to be kept by her during life, and then the silver present to his oldest son, and the box to his next oldest son, and to their oldest male descendants, and thus to be transmitted from generation to generation as a memento. Item 3. To his son John, the spectacles and case presented him by Colonel William Royen; to son Henry, the cane presented by Colonel Royen; to son George the silver tobacco box bequeathed him by his father; to son William, the silver spurs bequeathed him by his father; to daughter Charlotte, the cane presented by Surgeon General Smith; to daughter Grace, the cane presented by Luther Donaldson; to daughter Sally, the cane presented by Mrs. Colonel McMillan; to B. F. Hoffman, the cane presented by John M. Prentiss, late Warden of the Ohio Penitentiary. The canes given to the daughters to be presented by them to their husbands, should they ever marry, and if not, to such male cousins as they may select. The Brazilian cane, known as my diplomatic cane, to my wife, hoping that she may live long enough to find it of great service to her, youthful and smart as she now is."

THE NEW White Pine Silver District, in Eastern Nevada, is still the reigning sensation on our Pacific Coast. Though the winter climate is very severe, and the accommodations only such as could be expected in a sage-brush city six months old, hundreds continue to flock there, taking their slender chances for comfortable shelter. The Virginia City *Enterprise*, of recent date, says: Judge Pitzer, who has for some time been out in White Pine, returned to this city yesterday. He says the mines of that region are the richest he has ever seen—ten times as rich as was the Comstock lead in its best days. His idea of the deposition in that district is, that it resembles a bed of coal, as, for the distance of a mile in length, by over half a mile in width, no shaft has been sunk but has penetrated the rich ore. The depth of the deposit is unknown. The ore rapidly increases in richness, and in the deepest shaft it is so rich and tough that it is very hard to sink in it. A pick leaves a hole in the ore such as would be left in a mass of lead by a blow with the same tool. There can hardly be found in the lead any kind of ore that is worth less than $500 per tun; in fact, the whole deposit is fearfully and wonderfully rich.

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PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 26, 1868.

The general markets have been moderately active during the past week, though there is plenty of room for improvement. The arrivals of merchandise generally have been larger than usual, both by rail and river, but as navigation is again suspended, we expect to see a falling off. For some commodities, there has been an improved demand, and better prices, but these are exceptional, for as a general thing, the demand for nearly all of the leading articles has been light, and restricted mainly to supplying immediate wants. In regard to values, there have been no very important changes, one way or the other.

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APPLE BUTTER—70 to 80 cents.

BUTTER—Is a little dull, under the influence of an accumulation, and while the market is weak, prices, as yet are without quotable change; 38 to 40 for good, and 43 to 45 for prime to choice.

BEANS—$3,50 to $3,75 per bushel.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—4¾ to 5 cents.

CRANBERRIES—In better supply, and a little dull; $22 to $24 per bbl.

CHEESE—Dull at 19 to 20c, as to quality.

CORNMEAL—Sales at $1 to $1,10.

CARBON OIL—Sales of standard white in a jobbing way at 26½ to 27, and in a retail way at 29 to 30.

DRESSED—Sales at 10 to 12c.

DRIEDFRUIT—In fair demand but unchanged; sales of Peaches at 12c to 13 for quarters and 15 to 16 for halves. Apples, 10 to 11c.

EGGS—Sales at 30 to 32 cts for limed, and 33 to 35 for fresh packed.

POULTRY—Scarce and firm; sales Chickens (dressed) at 11 to 12, and Turkeys at 15 to 16.

POTATOES—Steady with sales of Peach Blows in store at 85 to 90 per bushel.

GRAIN—There is little or nothing doing in Wheat, and prices are unchanged at $1,83 to $1,85 for No. 1 Red Winter. Oats scarce, and dealers are asking 64 to 65c, on track—may be quoted at 65 to 66c for small lots in store. Corn is coming in more freely, but, as yet, prices are maintained at 88 to 90c for prime new, and old would not bring much more. Rye—prime Penna. and Ohio is in demand at $1,48 to $1.50. Barley is dull and nominal at $1,90 to $2, for good to choice Spring.

HOMINY—$6,50 to $6,75 per bbl.

LARD OIL—Is firm and higher; Extra No. 1 Winter Strained is quoted at $1,53 to $1,55, in a jobbing way.

LARD—Is firm but unchanged at 18c to 18½c, in tierces, and 19c to 19½c, in kegs.

FEATHERS—Sales to the trade at 80 to 85 for live geese, and 90 to 95, in a retail way.

MESS PORK—$28,50 to $29.

SALT—Allegheny River brands at $1,85 by the car load, and $2, in store.

WHISKY—Highwines lower, being quoted, in a jobbing way, at 97 to 98c.

FLOUR—Is quiet and unchanged, with large receipts. We continue to quote Spring at $7,50 to $8 and Winter at $9 to $9,50. Rye Flour, $7,50 to $8,00. The Pearl Mill quote their brands, made of the best Wheat, as follows: Extra Family Flour, in barrels, at $9,50, and, in sacks, $9,20 per barrel; Double Extra Family, in barrels, $10,20, and, in sacks, $9,80 per barrel; Spring Wheat Flour, in barrels, $8,00, and, in sacks, $7,70 per barrel. The City Mills quote prices as follows: Extra Family, (Winter) in barrels, $9,50, and, in sacks, $9,20 per barrel; Double Extra Family, in barrels, $10,00, and, in sacks, $9,70 per barrel, and Spring, $8,00, in barrels, and $7,70, in sacks, per barrel.

Financial Matters in New York.

Gold Closed at 134¼@135.

By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, December 26, 1868.

GOLD.

The money market was quite close during the morning, when the rates for call loans were 7 per cent. currency, 7 per cent. gold and 7 per cent. currency with commissions of 1-32 per cent for the two days; loans were made at 7 per cent. currency with ½ per cent. commission for ten days, and ¾ per cent. for fifteen days. As the day advanced there was an easier feeling and before three o'clock first class borrowers got all the money wanted at 7 per cent. currency. Continued failures in mercantile circles brought discounts to a stand still. See dry goods report for the failure of Lathrop, Ludington & Co. Next week is likely to be a trying one for borrowers, but after that money will be much easier. Sterling nominal at 9¾@9¾. Gold quiet and steady; within range of 134⅞@135, which were the closing rates.

The bank statement is more favorable than expected. Loans, $261,342,530; decrease, $1,091,650. Specie, $179,408,650; decrease, $702,719. Circulation, $34,387,114; increase, $32,356. Deposits, $178,503,752; decrease, $4,573,476. Legal Tenders, $48,-6,160; decrease, $2,089,973.

BONDS AND STOCKS.

Governments firmer. Coupons '81, 114¼ 114¾; do. '62, 110¼@110¾; do. '64, 106⅝ 106¾; do. '63, 107⅜@107½; do. new, 110¼ 110¾; do. '67, 110½@110⅝; do. '68, 110⅝ 110¾; Ten-Forties, 105½@105¼.

State bonds steady. Missouris, 90; Old Tennessees, 68¾; North Carolinas, 61¼; Virginias, 57.

Stock market more animated and higher. New York Central led the upward movement, which was general. The other noticeable stocks were St. Paul, Ohio and Mississippi, Pittsburgh, Toledo and Northwestern. The market closed active and firm, though the higher prices of the day were scarcely secured.

Five-thirty Prices:—Cumberland, 36@36¼; Wells Express, 25¼@25½; American Exp., 48; Adams, 48¼@49½; United States, 45@46; Merchants Union, 15¾@15¾; Western Union Telegraph, 33½@33¾; Hartford and Erie, 24¾; Mariposa, 6; do. preferred, 19¾@20¼; New York Central, 154¼; Erie, 39¼@39¾; do. preferred, 62@63; Hudson, 133¼@133¼; Harlem, 124@125; Reading, 94; Terre Haute, 38; Wabash, 58¾@59; do. preferred, 70; St. Paul, 67¾@67½; do. preferred, 83¾; Ft. Wayne, 110¼@110½; Dividend Ohio and Mississippi, 32¼@33; Michigan Central, 113½@118; Michigan Southern, 88¼; Illinois Central, 141@142; Pittsburgh, 83½@83¾; Toledo, 101@101¼; Rock Island, 116¼@116¾; Northwestern, 80@80¾; do. preferred, 82½@82¾. Mining shares dull.

Copper Shares at Boston: Copper Falls, 6; Franklin, 13; Quincy, 18; Hancock, 3; Minnesota, 2.

Gold shipments to-day $170,000; for the week $608,790.

Imports of dry goods $935,210; general merchandise $3,875,805.

SUB-TREASURY.

Receipts at the Sub-Treasury to-day were $25,556; Payments, $2,178,870; Balance, $66,835.

The report that twenty millions of new legal tenders were to be issued is due to the fact that the Treasury recently burned up twenty millions of fifties, which had been called in in consequence of having been extensively counterfeited, the place of which was supplied from time to time.

MILWAUKEE, December 26.—Flour quiet and steady, with choice Minnesota at $6.50@7.25; choice Wisconsin and Iowa at $5,75a6,50. Wheat higher at $1,19¼ for No. 1, and $1.11¼ for No. 2. Oats entirely nominal. Corn firm, with new shelled at 49c. Barley advancing, with sales at $1,10a1,20. Rye steady at $1.50 for No. 2. Receipts, 10,000 bbls flour, 28,000 bush wheat, 800 bush rye, 4,000 bush corn, 1,000 bush rye, 100 bush barley. Shipments, 9,000 bbls flour, 00 bush wheat.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, December 26.—Ashes; pots are quiet and steady at $7,75a7,80, and pearls are dull. Cotton is firm and not very active, with sales of 1,300 bales at 25c for middling uplands. Flour; receipts 647 barrels; the market is quiet and without any change, with sales of 5,000 barrels at $5,95a6,25 for superfine State and western; $6,70a8 for extra western; $8,45a10 for good to choice white wheat extra; $6,95a9,60 for common to choice Round Hoop Ohio; $7,75 a9 for common to fair extra St. Louis, and $10a12,50 for good to choice do., the market closing quiet. Southern flour is quiet and unchanged, with sales of 150 barrels at $7a 7,75 for common to fair extra, and $7,80a13 for good to choice do. California flour is dull and nominal at $5,25a9 for old, and $10 a11,75 for new. Rye flour is easier, with sales of 750 barrels at $6,50. Corn meal is a shade easier, with sales of 600 barrels Brandywine at $5,50. Whisky is quiet with sales of 50 barrels western at $1, free. Wheat; receipts of 1,200 bushels; the market is quiet and without any change, with sales of 10,200 bushels at $1,65 for No. 2 Milwaukee, delivered; $2,28 for white Michigan, and white California at private terms. Rye is quiet and steady. Barley is nominal. Barley malt is quiet. Corn, receipts of 7,050 bushels; the market is a shade better with a moderate rate of business doing; sales 48,000 bushels at 85a86c for new mixed western, $1,69¼a1,12 for old do in store and afloat, and $1,05 for new white southern. Oats firmer; receipts, 800 bush; sales 36,000 bush at 76¼a76½c for western in store, and 78c for do afloat. Coal quiet. Leather, hemlock sole, in fair request and unchanged. Wool quiet and firm; sales of 450,000 lbs at 43½a55c for domestic fleece, 76c scoured, 42a50c pulled, 28½a30c California. Rice quiet and firm at 9a9 1-2c. Coffee quiet. Sugar quiet; sales 46 hhds Cuba at 11 1-4a11 1-2c. Molasses dull. Petroleum quiet at 19c for crude, and 31 1-2c for refined bonded. Hops quiet at 10a20c for American. Linseed Oil quiet at 98ca$1. Turpentine quiet at 45a45 1-2c. Drugs quiet. Provisions: Pork lower; sales 700 bbls at $27a27,25 for new mess, $26a26,25 old do, $20a22,00 prime, and $25a27,00 prime mess. Beef steady: sales 138 bbls at $9a 16,50 new plain mess, $14a19,50 new extra mess. Tierce Beef quiet at $28a30,00 for prime mess, $31a35,00 India. Beef hams steady; sales of 145 bbls at $30a33. Cut Meats quiet; sales of 130 pkgs at 10¾a11½c for shoulders, 13a15c for hams; middles quiet and heavy. Dressed Hogs lower at 11¾a12¼c for western, and 12¼a12 1-2c for city. Lard heavy and lower; sales of 830 tcs at 16¾a17¼c for steam, chiefly at 17c, and 17 1-4a17 1-2c for kettle rendered; also, 2,500 bbls steam, sellers' option, December, January, February and March, at 16¾a17c. Butter quiet and steady at 25a40c for Ohio, and 40a50c for State. Cheese firm at 14a 19 1-2c. Metals—Sheathing Copper steady at 33c; Ingot Copper dull at 23½a23¾c for Lake and Detroit. Pig iron quiet and scarcely so firm at $40a42 for Scotch, and $33a42 for American; bar quiet at $90a95 for refined English and American; sheet is in moderate request. Russia Nails quiet at 5 1-4a5 1-2c for cut; 6 3-4a7c for clinch, and 27a30c for horse shoe. Freights to Liverpool firmer, with engagements per steamer for 15,000 bus corn at 8¾a9d.

Latest—Flour firm; common dull, and heavy for medium and good. Wheat quiet and firm, with a limited home trade demand. Rye quiet and nominally unchanged. Oats firm at 76½c for western in store; 78c afloat. Corn firm at $1,10a1,12 for old mixed western in store and afloat; 96a98c for new mixed western. Pork very dull and nominally unchanged. Beef dull and in the buyers favor. Cut meats quiet and nominally unchanged. Bacon dull and drooping. Lard dull and heavy at 16¾a17c for fair to prime steam. Eggs steady at 37a40c.

CHICAGO, December 26.—Eastern Exchange quiet and steady at ¼ off buying and par selling. Flour quiet, with spring extras at $5,50a7,00. Wheat firmer and 1a1½c higher; sales No 1 at $1,16a1,20, and No 2 at $1,11¾a1,13, chiefly at $1,12½; sales No 2 since change at $1,12 1-2. Corn more active and 1 1-2a2c higher, with sales old No 1 at 66c cash, and 65c last half of April; new active at 45 1-2a48c, closing steady at 47 1-2a 48c; kiln quiet at 55a56 1-2c for No 2; nothing doing this afternoon. Oats firmer and one cent higher; sales No 2 at 46¼a47c, and rejected at 44c, closing steady at 47c for No 2. Rye dull and heavy, with sales No 1 at $1,13a1,16, closing with sellers and no buyers at inside. Barley dull at $1,48a1,49 regular, and $1,50a1,51 in houses. Highwines dull at 92 1-2a93c cash, and 95c, seller, January. Provisions dull. Mess Pork easier, with sales at $26a27 cash and future. Lard dull and lower at 14a14 1-2c; sales at 14c. Sweet pickled hams 15 1-2c; other descriptions of hog product neglected and nominally easier. Dressed Hogs quiet and 20a 25c lower, with sales at $10,25a11,00, closing dull at $10,50a10,75, dividing at 200 pounds. Receipts for the past forty-eight hours—10,988 bbls flour, 28,350 bush wheat, 25,252 bush corn, 138 1-2 bush oats, 5,718 bush rye, 115 bush barley. Shipments—12,304 bbls flour, 8,682 bush wheat, 43,641 bush corn, 16,473 bush oats, 9,597 bush rye, 2,506 bush barley.

Hogs dull and buyers and sellers 25c apart in their views, with sales $8,45a8,94 for fair to prime: receipts 75,093 head; shipments 3,880 head. Beef Cattle dull and unchanged.

NEW YORK, December 26.—*Dry Goods.*—Inertia is the predominant feature to-day, and a feeling of uncertainty and distrust has been created by the announcement of the failure of Lathrop, Ludington & Co., on Broadway, extensive jobbers. This announcement, taken in connection with the suspension of Turnbull, Slade & Co., on Monday last, for a large amount, has done much to create distrust in the Dry Goods market. Both these failures will do much to arrest the upward movement in prices of cotton goods. All dark good styles of fancy Prints are in steady request at one shilling, but goods which have been put up ¼c a yard recently go slowly, and the current is against a rise, regardless of the cost of gray cloths, which appear scarce and firm at 9c for 64 square. On Monday next the price of Lancaster, 32 inch, Prints will be reduced from 20c to 17½c; for pinks and purples from 20c to 19c. But this will not affect the price of narrow goods at present. The market for Unbleached and Bleached Muslins is firm, but rather quiet. The best yard wide Unbleached Sheetings command 15¼a16c, although good Sheetings from Southern mills can be obtained at 14a14½c. Good Tickings, like the Amoskeag, are in steady and fair request at 20a30c, as to quality.

ST. LOUIS, December 26.—The market generally is very dull and scarcely anything doing. Tobacco unchanged. Cotton in good demand, but there is very little here; middlings are quoted at 23½c. Flour steady and very quiet, with sales fall superfine at $6a6,75. Wheat very firm and 5 a10c higher, with sales prime to strictly prime red at $1,75a1,95; choice to fancy at $2a2,30. Corn dull at 63c for yellow in sacks, and 58a60c for white, in bulk. Oats held firmly, but moves slow at 55c for prime and choice mixed. Barley quiet at $2 for choice Minnesota spring. Rye steady at $1,22½a1,25. Pork—nothing doing, but held at $27,50. Bulk Meats nominal. Bacon dull and nothing doing, the market feeling decidedly heavy. Lard—nothing doing. Whisky firm at 98c. Receipts—2,700 bush flour, 8,000 bush wheat, 5,200 bush corn, 3,700 bush oats, 3,500 bush barley, 4,750 head hogs.

Hogs less active and lower at 9a9½; number packed to date 191,500, against 200,000 same time last year. Cattle firm at 6a6½c, gross, for common to choice.

CINCINNATI, December 26.—Flour unchanged and quiet; family 7,50a8,00. Wheat dull at 1,75 for No. 1 red. Corn dull at 65a66 for ear. Rye dull at 1,35. Oats dull; No. 2 59; No. 1 not in market. Barley unchanged and quiet at 2,20a2,25 for the best grades. Cotton unchanged; middling 22¾. Whisky firm at 1,00. Hogs dull, with hardly any demand, though few in market; holders are firm and not willing to make connections: live 9a9,85; dressed 11a11,65; packers holding off receipts of 3,300. Provisions unsettled; it is difficult to give quotations; buyers and sellers apart. There is hardly any demand nor do holders manifest any disposition to press sales. Mess Pork could have been bought 50-day, to a limited extent, at 27,50 for sty. Bulk meats at 11,13¾a11,14½. Lard 17½. Green meats nominally at 10, 10½, 10¾a11½. Butter firm at 36a40. Eggs 32a33. Linseed Oil sold at 1,03, but the demand is light. Cheese firm at 17½a19; good demand. Flaxseed in good demand at 2,10. Clover seed held at 15. Gold 133¾, buying. Exchange dull at ¼a1-10 per cent. discount buying.

CLEVELAND, December 26.—Flour quiet and unchanged; we quote city made at $11,50 for double extra white; $9,75a10,00 for double extra amber; $8,50a8,75 for extra red winter, and $8a8,25 for double extra spring; country made; $8a8,75 for double extra red and amber; $7a8 for double extra spring, and $10a10,50 for double extra white. Wheat; sales of two car loads of No. 1 red winter at $1,75; two car loads of do. at $1,80, and two car loads of No. 2 do. at $1,60. Corn; sales of two car loads of shelled at 69c. Oats; sales of six cars at 62c. Rye held at $1,20. Petroleum; the market is quiet and easier, refined held at 27a27½c in car lots and 28a29c in trade lots.

NEW ORLEANS, December 26.—Cotton stiff; middlings, 23c; sales, 6,000 bales; receipts, 1,591 bales; exports, 10,907 bales. Gold, 135¼. Flour very firm; low grades scarce; superfine, $7,50; double extra, $7,50 a7,62; treble, $8a8,50. Corn easier at 78c. Oats; none on landing; 70c asked. Bran dull at $1,40. Hay, prime, $27. Pork nominally $28,75a29,00. Bacon; shoulders, 14¼c; clear rib, 18¾c; clear sides, 19¼c; hams, 17 a18c. Lard; tierce, 18c; keg, 19c. Sugar and Molasses active and firm; common Sugar, 9a9¾c; prime, 12a12¾c; yellow clarified, 12¼a12¾c; common Molasses, 54a60c; prime, 62a66c; choice, 67a68c. Western rectified Whisky steady at $1,17¼a1,20. Coffee quiet; fair, 14¾a14¾; prime, 15½a17c.

BUFFALO, December 26.—Flour dull, at $7a7,50 for Nos. 1 and 2 city ground spring. Wheat nominal; No. 2 spring $1,50; white Canada $2a2,15. Corn in good demand for new, with sales of 20 car lots at 75c on track. Oats nominal at 65c. Rye nominal. Barley; sales of 5,000 bush Canada two rowed at $1,90. Pork declining; no sales. Lard nominally unchanged. Highwines; sales of 100 bbls at $1. Dressed Hogs 11a 11½c, according to weight.

PHILADELPHIA, December 26.—Flour extremely dull; Superfine, $5a5,50; extras, $6a6,15; No. 2 western extra family, $7,25a 8,12½; Ohio, $8,75a10,50. Wheat inactive; common and good red, $2,50; amber, $2,10 a2,12. Rye steady at $1,60. Corn very dull and drooping; new, 80a90c; old, $1.10a1,12. Oats steady at 70a78c for western. Petroleum dull and nominal. Provisions unchanged. Whisky $1,03a1,04.

MEMPHIS, December 26.—Cotton quiet and firm at 23½a23¾c; receipts, 2,813 bales; exports, 408 bales; receipts for the week, 7,540 bales; exports, 8,816 bales; stock on hand, 10,995 bales. Flour at $7.50. Corn at 65c. Oats at 55c. Hay at $22,50. Bran at $25. Pork at $28. Lard at 18½c. Bacon nominal; shoulders at 13½c; clear sides at 18¼c; bulk shoulders at 11c, and clear ribs at 15½c.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 26.—Cotton 23c. Hogs 8a9¼c gross. Mess pork $28. Bacon—clear rib sides 11½c. Bulk meats—shoulders 11½c; clear rubbed sides 15c; clear sides 16½c; packed fancy bacon hams 18½c. Lard—prime tierce 18c. Raw whisky $1. Superfine flour $5,50a6. Wheat $1,80a1,90. Oats 55a60c. Corn 60a63c. Rye $1,40.

CLEVELAND, December 26.—Flour quiet. Wheat 2a3c better for amber; sales white Michigan at $1,81; amber, $1,81a1,82, closing at $1,81; No. 1 red, $1,80; No. 2 do., $1,65. Corn 2c better; 57 M No. 2; new, 52a53c; No. rejected, 55a56c. Oats 1c better; No. 1, 58c. Rye quiet. Dressed Hogs ½c lower, at 10¼a10¾c.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Flour quiet and dull. Wheat dull and nominal. Corn—receipts small; white 87a90c. Oats dull at 65a70c. Rye firm at $1,20a1,60. Provisions quiet and unchanged.

IMPORTS BY RAILROAD.

PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, December 26.—100 bbls flour, Kell Pitchart; 3 cars bones, Seward & Campbell; 2 cars rye, 2 do wheat, Thos Moore & Son; 400 bbls flour, owner; 2 cars rye, McHenry & Hood; 100 bbls flour, Allen, Kirkpatrick & Co; 1 car barley, J M Carson; 3 cars rye, W J Meek; 10 bbl oil, J C Matteu; 200 pigs lead, J B Canfield & Son; 3 cars corn, G W Allerton; 200 bbls flour, Culp & Shepard; 32 cars metal Nimick & Co; 8 do do, Jas Wood Son & Co; 10 do do, Bryan & Caughey; 2 do do, Loomis & Collard; 6 do do, Graff, Byers & Co; do do, Brown & Co; 2 cars corn, P Duff & Son; 1 do do, S Hood, 61 bbls flour, Thos Collins; 49 sks rags, Godfray & Clark; 54 bgs buckwheat flour, E W Wick; 26 bdls hides, 10 do pelts, Seibert & Berg; 15 bgs buckwheat flour, T C Jenkins; 20 pkgs butter, W H Graff & Co, 7 dressed hogs, 6 pkgs butter, 2 do tallow, H Rea; 5 bbls cornmeal, 5 bbls hominy, J F Day & Co; 4 cars rye, A H Overholt; 3 bbls tallow, Graff & Reiter; 1 car corn, John Hinkle; 1 do do, S Hood; 1 do do, Robb & Herron; 1 do do, McHenry & Hood; 50 doz brooms, W Miller; 21 sks buckwheat flour, Woodworth & Davison; 2 bbls lard, Watt, Lang & Co.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD December 26.—80 bbls oil, Jas Wilkins; 240 do do, McKelvy & Bro; 200 do do, Lockhart, Frew & Co; 137 sks flour, 50 do walnuts, 3 do sundries, W J Milden & Co; 12 sks buckwheat flour, 42 bdls hides, 1 bbl eggs, 1 do butter, W H Kirkpatrick & Co; 9 sks buckwheat flour, E Heazleton; 16 sks rye, 70 do oats, 1 car hay, 11 sks buckwheat flour, Blaney & Moore; 7 rolls leather, 5 sks pelts, 1 bbl tallow, Wm Flaccus & Son; 15 bbls dry apples, 73 sks buckwheat flour, T C Jenkins; 5 cars limestone, Shoenberger & Blair; 1 do do metal, John Moorhead; 1 do do, McKnight, Porter & Co; 18 bgs oats, Scott & Gisal; 21 do flour, McClure & Mokee; 7 do do, 2 boxes poultry, H Riddle; 2 bbls onions, Voigt, Mahood & Co; 45 bbls flour, W A Shearer.

ALLEGHENY STATION, December 25.—300 bbls flour, A Martin; 1 car middlings, 76 bgs rye, J B McKee; 2 bbls, 2 kgs lead, Hippley & Beckert; 20 bgs seed; Jos Craig; 3 cars metal, Burchfield & Rogers; 1 car lumber, Jas McBrier; 255 sks corn, Rose & Ewing; 97 bbls rosin, W & H Walker; 1 car lumber, B G Munson; 2 pkgs tobacco, R & J Elton; 1 car iron ore, Spang, Chalfant & Co; 1 do staves, J M Hemphill; 1 car wheat, W McKee; 1 car oats, M Steel & Son; 1 car grain, R Knox & Son; 109 bgs flaxseed, M B Suydam; 1 car barley, G Seidle; 1 do do, M Heckelman; 1 do corn, Geo Stewart.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH RAILROAD, December 26.—1 car rye, J D Finch & Co; 2 cars lumber, Hall & Patterson; 50 bbls oil, John Spear; 1 car oats Keil & Richart; 13 sks cornmeal, S C McMasters; 2 pkgs hides, 4 rolls leather, J M Bard; 2 cars hay, H Schnelbach; 81 bales do, McCune & Bro; 100 do do, Robt Knox; 7 sks beans, 3 do rags, A Gellett; 82 sks corn, Rose J Ewing; 190 boxes extract, Grittendorf; 12 tcs lard, Watt, Lang & Co.

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RIVER NEWS.

The weather has again moderated considerably, the thermometer being 36 degrees above zero at two o'clock p. m. yesterday. A drizzling rain set in about noon, with every appearance that it would continue long enough to take off the snow and cause a rise in our rivers. The Monongahela was entirely clear of ice yesterday, and the Allegheny was not putting out very much. The gorge in the last named stream, just above the city, gave way on Saturday evening, and for a time it was bank full of ice.

There has been no arrivals since the date of our last report. The Champion cleared for Cincinnati yesterday.

The following towboats that left on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning are laid up and sticking at the following places: Stella and Coal City at Marietta; Niagara at Parkersburg; Fred. Wilson at Blannerhesset Island; Lion at New Cumberland. The Leopard, the first boat starting, has not been heard from.

A private dispatch from Memphis to I. Sharpe McDonald says that the A. J. Baker with a tow of coal for New Orleans had struck three barges two miles below Memphis, but was lighting and would get them off.

The Wm. Stone, at last accounts, was aground at Whitten's towhead.

The Mary Davage and barges are laid up at the mouth of Kanawha river.

The Glendale, Pittsburgh to St. Louis, was at Louisville on Friday.

The Lorena is up for St. Louisville; Sallie, for Cincinnati and Louisville, and Armenia, for New Orleans.

—Captain Hugh Campbell says he has quit the river.

—The Glasgow, left St. Louis for Pittsburgh on Wednesday.

—The Wild Duck and barges passed Evansville on Wednesday.

—The Kate Putnam is laid up at Cincinnati as is also the Kenton at Marietta.

—The Emma No. 3, was at Memphis on Wednesday, on her way up from New Orleans.

—A Cairo dispatch to the Cincinnati *Commercial*, under date of Wednesday, reported the towboat Dick Fulton at the Chain with two barges in a sinking condition.

—The J. W. Garrett, on her way up from New Orleans, lost a deck hand overboard, in the chute of Island 35. His body was not recovered, although every effort was made to that end. We did not learn his name, but it is supposed he shipped at Pittsburgh.

—The Carmi was seized at Paducah by Deputy U. S. Marshal Wharton, on Monday last. The Carmi is a new boat just built by Capt. Wm. Thompson and Mr. Geo. Hopson, and has been launched but a short time. She was seized at the instance of John M. Daughtry.

—The Vicksburg *Herald* is disposed to "gas" when it says that there are three boats at Vicksburg that can discount the Great Republic in speed or splendor. The Republic still seems to be zn "eyesore" to some of the Southern papers, which is caused, we presume, by the fact that she is considerably ahead, in all respects, of any boat on the Miss ssippi.

—A well-known steamboatman, and one who has been exceedingly remarkable for his success, says in regard to the subject of steamboat signals, as to which side boats shall take when meeting, that there is but one really safe rule, and that is for boats to invariably take "to the right," and in all cases for the ascending boat to stop her engines until the decending boat has passed. It is true that at times this rule would be an inconvenience, but the general safety of all would be secured.

—The submarine diver, Mr. Hill, went down to examine the wreck of the J. N. McCullough, the other day, and after going all over her, reports the hole in her some thirty-six feet in length, extending from the boiler to the wheel, and cut nearly down to the kelson. He also reports that the hold is full of mud and gravel, and thinks it will be a big job to get her up. There must be some mistake about so many lives being lost on her as the officers were confident not more than two or three were lost.

River and Weather.

LOUISVILLE, December 26.—River rising with six feet four inches in the Canal. Navigation above the Falls has been suspended by ice. Weather cloudy and cold.

STEAMBOATS.

FOR CINCINNATI, LOUISVILLE, EVANSVILLE AND CAIRO—The new and elegant passenger steamer CHAMPION ..... W. F. FULLER, Master. T. WIRTHLIN, Clerk.

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SPECIAL NOTICE TO SHIPPERS—The steamer CHAMPION will leave POSITIVELY this evening at 5 o'clock. W. F. FULLER, Captain.

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FOR MEMPHIS AND NEW ORLEANS—The steamer ARMENIA ..... Capt. A. C. M'CALLUM, will leave for above ports on the first rise of the river. For freight or passage apply on board or to JNO. FLACK, or J. D. COLLINGWOOD, Agents. de17

ASSESSMENTS.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, ALLEGHENY CITY, December 22d, 1868.

NOTICE.—THE ASSESSMENTS for grading and paving NORTH CANAL STREET from East Lane to Chestnut street; for grading and paving MAIN STREET from old city line to Pine street; for grading and paving KILBUCK STREET from Craig to Corry street; and for grading and paving OHIO AVENUE from Grant Avenue to Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway are now ready for examination, and can be seen at this office till WEDNESDAY, December 30th, 1868, when they will be returned to the City Commissioner's office for collection.

CHARLES DAVIS, de23:b87 City Engineer.

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER, ALLEGHENY CITY, D., 19th, 1868.

NOTICE.—Assessments for the GRADING and PAVING of FAYETTE STREET, from Bidwell to Fulton stree[illegible] Also, for GRADING and P[illegible]VING of PARK ST. EET, from Grant avenue to Sturge[illegible] street; And for the GRADING and [illegible]VING of SHIELDS STREET, from Allegheny avenue to Walker street; Are now ready for examination, and can be seen at the office till MONDAY, December 28th, 1868, when they will be returned to the Street Commissioner for collection. de21:b80 CHAS. DAVIS, City Engineer.

NOTICE—Those interested will please take notice that the report of the viewers in the matter of opening HARRIMER AVENUE, in the city of Pittsburgh, as modified by the court, has been placed in my hands. The assessments, if not paid on or before JANUARY 6th, A. D. 1869 will be filed as liens in accordance with the law in such case made and provided.

J. F. SHAGLE, City Attorney. Pittsburgh, December 5th, 1868. de7

OFFICE OF CITY ENGINEER AND SURVEYOR, Pittsburgh, Dec. 19, 1868.

NOTICE.—The assessment for Grading and Paving SPRING ALLEY, from Twenty Eighth street is now ready for examination and can be seen at this office until WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1868, when it will be returned to the City Treasurer's office for collection. de21 H. J. MOORE, City Engineer.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE, W. D. of Pennsylvania, PITTSBURGH, December 22, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE That on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1868, Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of THOMAS K. WILSON, of Allegheny city, in the County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a bankrupt, on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt, to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 116 Federal street, Allegheny City, Allegheny county, Pa., before JOHN N. PURVIANCE, Esq., Register, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M.

THOMAS A. ROWLEY, de22:b88 U. S. Marshal, as Messenger.

U. S. MARSHAL'S OFFICE, W. D. of Pennsylvania, PITTSBURGH, December 18th, 1868.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE That on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1868, a Warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of SAMUEL BAILEY, of New Br

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WE PRINT *on the inside pages of this morning's* GAZETTE—*Second page: Ephemeris, East River Bridge, Gov. Todd's Will, The Coming War in Europe, Interesting Miscellany. Third and Sixth Pages: Commercial, Financial, Imports and Markets, River News. Seventh page: Poetry, "Scandal Lane," The Hidden Hand, Amusement Directory.*

GOLD closed in New York on Saturday at 134⅜@135.

A WEALTHY and philanthropic citizen of Philadelphia made a Christmas gift to that city of eighty-three acres of land, adjoining its new Park-extension, and to be annexed to the same. The value of the gift is estimated at no less than $300,000.

MR. WASHBURNE, our late Minister to Paraguay, has arrived at New York. With him returns Mr. WEBB, our present Minister to Brazil. The public curiosity will doubtless be satisfied, at an early day, with an official statement of the complications which have made the diplomatic experience of the former the topic of much unfriendly comment.

WHEN THE proclamation of the Governor officially declares, as it does, "the payment, cancellation, extinguishment, and final discharge of two millions four hundred and fourteen thousand eight hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-four cents of the principal debt of this Commonwealth"—it may safely be assumed that so much at least, of the total of our obligations, has been extinguished, and will be no more heard of forever.

ENGLISH JOURNALS express apprehensions that a short supply of food may be experienced in Great Britain before another harvest ripens. The hay and root crops of last year, which should subsist the animals through the Winter and Spring, were very considerably diminished by the droughts which prevailed through the latter part of the growing season. The consequence is that these animals, especially horses and bullocks, are already drawing largely upon the stock of smaller grains usually appropriated for human food. The result is regarded as inevitable that large importations will be found necessary before the next crops can be realized, and arrangements are already in progress, on a very much extended scale, for the purchase and shipment of corn from the United States. If the apprehensions referred to should prove to be well founded, the effect upon our own markets will naturally be to arrest the downward movement of breadstuffs of all descriptions.

THE PRESIDENT'S last proclamation of amnesty for rebels was a very fair theatrical performance, but that is about all of it. It neither repeals Acts of Congress nor the XIVth Article of the Constitution. It clothes with civil rights none of those whom the voice of the people, through Congress or otherwise, has disfranchised until, by the same authority, those disabilities shall be removed. Doubts are even expressed as to the sufficiency of the Presidential act, by way of pardon for offenders who have neither been tried nor convicted. Their right to claim exemption from a criminal prosecution, under Executive grace, admits of question among the legal profession. Practically, however, we may agree that there is no longer a likelihood that such prosecutions will be instituted. The "policy" of the President would be swift to dispense with all the penalties of a conviction, and the country will, therefore, be spared from any repetitions of the farcical proceedings at Richmond against the leading rebel of all. DAVIS, SLIDELL, BENJAMIN and the rest can, and doubtless will, now return home, with sufficient license to live among us, exempt from all judicial penalties for their crimes. They can live here unmolested by the courts—and that is all they have to hope for. They will remain within the law's protection and without all its other privileges, until, by a two-thirds vote in each House of Congress, their restoration to citizenship shall be complete.

Until then, these rebel leaders are welcome to a civil status precisely the same as that in which, up to 1861, five millions of the Southern people were held by the class whom these leaders represented. DAVIS, BRECKINRIDGE and their followers have changed places with their once despised black slaves, and it is now for the latter to consider whether their old masters, now outcasts from political existence in the land, retain any rights which entitle them to respect.

NO PEACE WITH CORRUPTION.

By his frank remonstrance against the continuance of the railway-subsidizing policy, General GRANT has exposed himself, in some quarters, to an unfriendly criticism. He is arraigned as manifesting a disposition to dictate to Congress—and that, too, even in advance of his own induction to the Presidency. This accusation is but one of the proofs that, in daring to express his hostility to a system of expenditure utterly inadmissible in the present condition of the Treasury, he has made a bold, square issue with the corrupt "rings" which envelope the government.

As a citizen, independent of his political destiny, General GRANT has the same right as other citizens, to hold and express an opinion upon questions of paramount public importance—the same right as this journal exercised in the decided opposition which it expressed, months ago, to the granting of the immense subsidies for which applications were then, as they are still, pending upon the tables and in the lobbies of Congress.

But General GRANT is something more than a private citizen. He has been selected to be charged with the administration of the Government, and he will soon be clothed with all the responsibility therefor. Sixty days hence, he enters office and meets, at the same time, a new Congress. It is not what the latter body may do, but what the present Congress may permit, which is to embarrass his administration. If he sees, as all the world else sees, that economy, retrenchment, the reduction of the public debt and the diminution of the public burthens of taxation are to be rendered clear impossibilities throughout his term of office, by the improvident or corrupt extravagance of members now, in pledging the public faith for hundreds of millions of dollars in addition to present engagements, it is his duty to say just what he is reported to have said. Speaking of the schemes pending at Washington, to deplete the Treasury, of which railways, steamship-lines and ship-canals are most prominently attracting public attention now, he denounced the whole business as a public robbery. He added: "I am not in favor of directly or indirectly increasing the public debt while there is a party in the country that talks about repudiation. Furthermore, it is absolutely necessary that we should have the strictest honesty in the collection of the revenue, and the strictest economy in all expenditures."

No well-informed citizen who has observed the course of events at Washington, needs to be told that the danger is urgent, that the duty is plain and most obligatory, or that the President-elect has set forth his view of that duty, in the clearest and most significant language. He knows that the point of danger is between the present hour and the 4th of March, and that a timely protest now may avert the disastrous results which have been apprehended.

If these declarations from Gen. GRANT should prove effectual, in restraining a few Republican members from uniting with the opposition to fasten new and enormous burthens upon the National back, he will have achieved a new title to the public gratitude. We think his remonstrances will avail. Members who are disposed to sell out to the "rings" which crowd the lobbies of Congress, will hesitate before committing themselves so directly against the policy to which our leader and our party stand equally pledged.

When GRANT implored an universal reign of peace, he would have included relief from the vast swarm of public plunderers who threaten us more and more with a national bankruptcy of honor and of material resources alike. But the swarm has not been abated, and the result is,—what might be expected from ULYSSES S. GRANT,—war, instant, sharp and uncompromising. He has taken the war-path against the railway ring, the Indian ring, the whisky ring, the steamship and ship canal rings, and the half score of other combinations "to deplete the Treasury." And the man who doubts that he will push things, with those enemies of the public credit, until they shall unconditionally surrender, mistakes the character of the President-elect, and of the great party which heartily approves his late declarations, and will sustain him to the end.

We add that General GRANT, succeeding, as he will, in this warfare against extravagance, corruption, and official dishonesty—for that is what his recent declarations mean—will confer upon his countrymen a service no less important than that which has already crowned his military genius. Restoring an honest efficiency in all departments of the public service, enforcing upon the legislative branch, by his just influence and conspicuous example, the paramount obligations of personal purity and official economy, driving out from the precincts of the Capitol and of the departments the horde of speculators and corruptionists who have long driven there their shamefully profitable traffic in official honor,—in this way, President GRANT will fight and win a more critical campaign than either of the four which closed at Appomatox.

METROPOLITAN IGNORANCE.

The New York *Times* falsely attributes the high price of coal during the last two months to the operation of the tariff. It ought to have reflected that the tariff was precisely as now last summer and spring, and all last year, now, and yet during those periods the price of coal was so low as to yield little or no profit. If the tariff causes the high price now, it must have caused the low prices then; which is sufficient to show that a fallacy lurks somewhere in the reasoning pursued. The fact is, no body was taken more by surprise by the advance of coal than the managers of the principle companies engaged in mining, transporting and selling that article. Last spring all those companies, throughout the anthracite districts, made contracts for delivery running to the last day of November. These contracts, of course, were predicated on the prices ruling in the spring, which were ruinously low for the producers. Most of the companies, up to the last day of November, had done little or nothing beyond filling contract engagements. The advance in September took them completely by surprise, and inured exclusively to the benefit of retail dealers, who had bought in the spring. Nor was this the only bad luck that fell upon the companies when coal went up, the miners advanced proportionately their wages, though their employers were still constrained to go on delivering at the former low rates.

How was the advance brought about? In the spring and early part of summer, a reduction of wages to match the diminished rates for coal, brought on extensive strikes, in most of the anthracite districts. This tended naturally to produce a short supply. Many operators perceiving there was no money in the trade, as matters stood, slackened business, or ceased entirely. The great companies increased their product, by reason of arrangements previously made, in anticipation of a larger demand; but they did not cover the deficiency in other quarters, nor the general increase of consumption. The laws of trade, under these circumstances, could do nothing but force prices up.

The *Times*, in its assault upon the tariff, in quest of cheap coal, alleged that the duty was laid to benefit a few Pennsylvania companies. In reply, the *Tribune*, with an air amazingly self-complacent, inquired if *Cumberland* was not in Maryland? We do not know how it is, but that journal always blunders when it makes an allusion, direct or indirect, to this Commonwealth. Cumberland *is* in Maryland; but very little of the coal marketed in New York is sent from that region. Even a large part, if not the greater part of the bituminous coal used in New York and vicinity, in the manufacture of gas or other purposes, is sent from Pennsylvania, much of it from our adjoining county of Westmoreland.

RAILWAY COMPETITIONS AND COMPROMISES.

The latest sensation in railway circles is the alleged compromise between the Erie and New York Central managers, by which the two concerns are hereafter to be manipulated in harmony with each other. The arrangement is said to include the withdrawal of all suits on both sides, and to stipulate for an equal interest in the questions of Western connections, the Erie to be unobstructed in its scheme for a three-railed track from New York to the Mississippi. There is no reason to doubt that these rumors are substantially correct, and that the details, perhaps the text, of the agreement thus made, will in a very few days transpire publicly.

As between the two contracting parties, the general and probably correct impression upon the public mind favors an Erie triumph. This Company, with its corruption-fund of so many millions of cash, how accumulated our well-informed readers do not need to be reminded, has gone into the fight carrying entirely too many guns for Commodore VANDERBILT to resist. Finding his weakness, he has obtained a parley, and its result is not a temporary truce but a pacific compact which may or may not prove permanent.

Other things being equal, we should regard any agreement whatever, between the notoriously faithless managers of those railway "interests," as no more than a hollow armistice, soon to be ended in hostilities more vigorous than before. But, those men have discovered of late that it is for their advantage, nay, more, that it is a necessity for them to work together in a cordial good faith. It is only in this way that they can discover any method which promises to meet successfully the menacing competition of the Pennsylvania Central route. Here is supplied the condition which may render an alliance more lasting between the two Northern rivals of our line. But, nevertheless, we do not fear its ultimate success. No combinations, however gigantic, can triumph in the long run, when engineered by the FISKS, DREWS, GOULDS and VANDERBILTS, against the Pennsylvania Central interest, under a management which is fortunate, over its rivals, in monopolizing the personal confidence of the people.

The Erie and Central combination is worth a good deal, as a highly complimentary acknowledgment of the ability displayed by the Pennsylvania Central management. Beyond this compliment, we see in it nothing to admire, and as friends of the Central route, very little to fear.

A dispatch says:

The report of a compromise in the Erie war is pretty well confirmed to-day. The parties interested are generally reticent, but some of them admit their belief that a compromise will be made. The terms of the compromise have been settled, but have not been put in documentary form. Several injunctions now pending forbid any steps to stop legal proceedings, and to get around this the parties to suits will allow the cases to be called in court, but they will be postponed indefinitely. The suit to compel Vanderbilt to return the shares and a half million dollars obtained of the Erie road last spring, will be abandoned with the rest, and nothing further undertaken. Vanderbilt became frightened when the Erie managers threatened to enjoin his recent dividend of 80 per cent. scrip, and his alarm led to the present settlement. It is understood that the managers made no injunction, and will withdraw the suits in consideration of the withdrawal of all hostility to the Erie road. Each road will be allowed to make unbroken communication to the Mississippi. Unless some new obstacle arises, the whole matter will be arranged by Wednesday of next week. It is rumored that Vanderbilt, Drew, Fisk and Belmont were closeted last night until a late hour, to arrange the details of the compromise.

GENERAL AVERILL, our Consul General in Canada, attending recently a complimentary dinner to a local railway magnate, was toasted as the American representative. His speech in response said a vast number of good things, not the worst one being his neat little hit at the rebel sympathies of the English and Canadians, during our Rebellion. Said the General:

With regard to the principle of unity in America, you may remember that in our recent successful struggle to render our society homogeneous, many of our demoralized friends throughout the world were apt to think and to say that the United States were liable to criticism on two points, viz: at first that they were not united, and latterly that they were not States. Happily, such criticisms are now out of fashion, and I sincerely hope that it will never become necessary to demonstrate other than by the victories of peace that there is a united people of the United States.

OLD HICKORY'S FIGURE-HEAD.

DONN PIATT tells, for the first time in print, a good story about President JACKSON and the removal of his wooden bust from its place as figure-head for the old ship Constitution. The story was communicated to D. P. by Mr. DICKENSON, the first A. J's. Secretary of the Navy, who says:

I remember the towering rage he exhibited when the news reached us that the figure-head, carved in likeness of the President, had been sawed off by some miscreant in the night. He directed me to offer a large reward, and swore he would hang the sceundrel, sooner or later.

"I offered the reward, and one night, some months after, a man sent into my rooms word that he wished to see me. I ordered him in, and a rough fellow made his appearance with a sack thrown over his shoulder. Without saying a word, he slung the sack round and emptied a huge wooden head on the floor.

"There it is, sir. Now bring out your bears," said the man. It was a grotesque looking thing, sawed off directly under the nose.

"'There it is, I say,' he went on, 'I had nothin' agin old Hickory, but that head hadn't any business on the old Constitution. I'd saw it off agin. Now do your damnedest.'

"I ordered the fellow under arrest, and taking my carriage, drove to the White House, with the mutilated head in the sack. Giving it to a servant, I appeared before the President, and without saying a word, sat the head, on its nose, before him, on the table. He stared at it, and then at me, and when I explained, he burst into a fit of uncontrollable laughter.

"'Why that,' he cried, at length—'why that is the most infernal graven image I ever saw. The fellow did perfectly right. You've got him, you say; well, give him a kick and my compliments, and tell him to saw it off again.'"

COMMENTING, a few days since, upon Senator MORTON'S resumption-bill, we objected, in decided terms, to that provision which postponed resumption by the Banks for eighteen months after specie-resumption shall be inaugurated at the Public Treasury. Mr. Treasurer SPINNER presents the same objection, in his recent WILDER letter. Remarking that "the banks should not be permitted to remain in a state of suspension for a day, much less for months, as he proposes, after resumption by the Treasury," Mr. SPINNER proceeds:

"Resumption, to be successful, must be simultaneous. The three estates—the people, the banks, and the government—must stand together, or they will fail, and fall together. The banks will not be able to stand without the assistance of the government; and the government, being the endorser of the notes of the banks to the amount of three hundred million dollars, would probably fail if the banks should fail; and the people, unfortunately for themselves, could but follow in the wake of the other two.

"A simultaneous resumption would not be unaptly represented by a tripod, or a three-sided pyramid, each side leaning against and at the same time supporting the other two sides."

STATE NEWS.

SUNBURY, Northumberland county, is to have a gas works.

THERE are four furnaces at Sharpsville, Mercer county, all of which are now in full blast.

A NEW steam saw mill is to be put up shortly by Mr. J. T. Freck, in Millersburg, Dauphin county.

THE name of Irish Ripple Postoffice, in Lawrence county, has been changed to Wampum Postoffice.

THERE are seventy-six students in Lehigh University, and one hundred and twenty-six in Lafayette College.

A BOY named Leonard Hunnell, living near Waynesburg, was recently kicked on the head and killed by a horse.

ON Christmas morning Wm. M'Dermott, of Norristown, kept open his house and dealt out bread to all who came for it.

LANCASTER has had quite a number of mad dogs recently, and the Mayor has proclaimed that all dogs must be muzzled.

ON Christmas morning a fire in Erie destroyed a fine building containing a bank, a billiard saloon and a fur store. The amount of loss is unknown.

MR. H. HUTH, of Milton, Northumberland county, distributed one hundred loaves of bread among the poor of that village on Christmas morning.

LAST week the house occupied by Mr. Gouldin, shoemaker, in Uniontown, Union county, was destroyed by fire. The family escaped with their lives and nothing else.

THE Shamokin *Herald* says: On Monday last Emanuel Henninger was killed in the mines at the Hickory Swamp Colliery, by being blown down the man-way by the discharge of a blast.

THE Fayette county Teachers' Institute met in Uniontown last Tuesday. About ninety teachers were present, and Professor Fulton, of Brownsville, delivered a fine lecture on popular education.

THE Lebanon *Courier* says that there are now upwards of forty trains, passenger and freight, passing Lebanon daily, over the Lebanon Valley Railroad. Nearly twice that number, probably, pass through Reading daily.

THE fine collection of minerals left by the late Hon. Geo. M. Keim, of Reading, has been presented by his heirs to the Lehigh University. The collection contains more than 5,000 specimens, and cost the collector about $15,000.

A COMPANY of Buffalo capitalists have purchased forty acres of ground near Sharpsville, Mercer county, on which it is intended to erect a rolling mill and steel works. The work will begin as soon as the weather permits.

THE Gettysburg *Star* says: The public school house at Whitestown was destroyed by fire on the night of the 11th inst. A large number of books were also burned. The building had shortly before been put in thorough repair.

THE Mercer *Dispatch* says: Two million four hundred and seventy-one thousand seven hundred (2,471,700) pounds of dressed stone were used in the construction of our new jail, notwithstanding the building is brick and the cells are iron.

THE Indiana *Register* is an enterprising paper. Last week it came out in quarto form, double its usual size and about as large as the GAZETTE. It claims, and probably justly, that that number was the largest specimen of a *country* newspaper ever published.

HOWARD PETERSON, of Custards, Crawford county, offers one hundred dollars reward for any information concerning the whereabouts of his son, Ezra Peterson, who disappeared from Greenwood, Crawford county, in August, 1867, at which time he was about thirteen years old.

ON Monday last the Teachers' Institute of Cambria county held its second annual meeting in the Court House, at Ebensburg. Forty teachers were present. Various interesting educational questions were discussed and numerous addresses delivered, three or four by Prof. Burtt, of Pittsburgh, who also took part in most of the debates.

ON Monday evening, the 14th instant, between nine and ten o'clock, the fine brick barn of Isaac Bickel, of Douglas township, about half a mile from Gilbertstown, was burned to the ground, with all its contents. The fire progressed so rapidly that nothing could be got from the building, two horses, four cows, one calf and a lot of poultry perishing in the flames. All his grain and hay, and all the farming implements, except one wagon and sulkey, were consumed, together with about eighty dollars worth of tobacco and a lot of carpenter's tools.

AN important law case, involving the question of the limit of the powers delegated to the Legislature of Pennsylvania, under the Constitutions of the State and the United States, will be tried in Harrisburg on Monday next, viz: That of the Commonwealth vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad and Canal Companies. In March, 1866, the Legislature passed an act requiring the various dams on the Susquehanna river and its tributaries to be remodeled, at the expense of their owners, to allow the passage of fish. The defendants refused to comply with the law, and some months since were indicted in Dauphin county. By consent of counsel a special verdict was found in each case. Should judgment be entered against the defendants, the dams will be abated as nuisances.

The General Amnesty.

WASHINGTON, December 24.—Little else has been talked of in political circles here to-day than the general amnesty proclamation. The many rebels in this city have been very jubilant, and think they see in the President's last move a partial revival of the Lost Cause, which may regain life under the lead of those who have been compelled to make foreign climes their homes since the rebellion was crushed. On the other hand the Republicans are more stirred up than at any time since Johnson made the direct removal of Secretary Stanton from office. Much feeling is manifested, and Johnson is denounced in unmeasured terms. It is believed that as soon as Congress reassembles that body will take some action in regard to the matter. General Grant shares in the same opinion as the other Republicans, that Johnson has taken an unwarranted step, which should be severely rebuked.

It is stated to-night on the streets that Breckenridge expects to pass through here in a few days on his way to Kentucky, and that he, with other rebel leaders, were consulted by the President in regard to issuing the proclamation.

Washington Gossip.

The report of Special Revenue Commissioner Wells is now being put in type, and will be ready to present within two weeks. It discusses the tariff question at length, strongly opposing all plans which contemplate anything more than a tariff for revenue.

There is a strong feeling in the Senate against confirming any more of Johnson's appointments, and it is said that an understanding exists among the Republican Senators that no further confirmations will be made until after the 4th of March. This will apply to those now before the Senate as well as to any that may come hereafter.

The Union Pacific Railroad is ready for inspection to the nine-hundred-and-seventy-fifth mile post, at Echo Canon, where they are putting up a tunnel, one thousand feet through the solid rock. A temporary track is being laid around this tunnel, which is being excavated from both ends. On last Friday two and a half miles of rails were put down, with the thermometer in the neighborhood of zero.

COUGHS, COUGHS, COLDS, COLDS,

When a person takes cold the lungs become charged with phlegm, which oppressing the constitution a natural effort is made for a relief. This effort is a cough. The only safe and prudent remedies to be adopted are those which assist nature in its work, by loosening the phlegm and exciting a freedom of expectoration until the evil is removed. DR. SARGENT'S COUGH SYRUP is admirably adapted to promote expectoration, ease the breathing, loosen the phlegm, abate the fever, and allay the tickling which occasions the cough, without tightening the chest, or in any way injuring the system, and for all temporary and local affections, such as irritation of the throat, hoarseness of the voice, influenza, &c., it is of incalculable value. Especially at this inclement season of the year it would be well for every family to have this valuable remedy at hand. Prepared by GEO. A. KELLY, Wholesale Druggist, corner Wood street and Second avenue, Pittsburgh, and for sale by all druggists and dealers in medicine. 50 cents per bottle.

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Reader, we will suprose you a martyr to dyspepsia. If you are *not*, so much the better for you. If you *are*, perhaps you may profit by this paragraph. You have just finished your dinner, we will say, and feel as if you had swallowed *lead* instead of wholesome food. You have a sensation of tightness round the upper part of the diaphragm, as if some snake of the constrictor tribe held you in its embrace, and had *knotted its coils over the pit of your stomach*. You feel supremely miserable; and such is the penalty which your complaint exacts after *every meal*. What do you desire? Ease, of course. An exemption from the incubus that robs you of all enjoyment during the day, and disturbs your rest at night. Take, then, this piece of information: *You suffer needlessly*. HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS will as certainly cure all your agonizing symptoms as the day on which you read this article will be succeeded by another. Perhaps you are incredulous; but if you have read the testimony of the eminent citizens, in every walk of life, who have tested the preparation, and submitted the results of their experience to the public through the press, you ought at least to have sufficient faith to make a trial of it in your case. It is a pure vegetable tonic and alterative,—*the only medicine in the world entirely adapted to your complaint*. If you are in the habit of taking any alcoholic excitant as a palliative, abandon it, and try this WHOLESOME MEDICATED STIMULANT. If it does you no good, *say so*; but you will not do that, for it has never yet failed, in a single instance, to cure dyspepsia, biliousness, and their various concomitants.

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☞THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Company have declared the regular QUARTERLY DIVIDEND (No. 20) of 2½ per cent. free of Government Tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending December 31, 1868, and semi-annual interest of 3½ per cent., less Government Tax, on the Third Mortgage Bonds, payable on and after MONDAY, the 19th day of January, 1869, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 27 PINE STREET, to those registered at New York, and at the Office of the Treasurer, to those registered at Pittsburgh.

The Transfer Books will close on SATURDAY, 26th instant, at 2 P. M., and re-open TUESDAY, the 20th of January, 1869 at 10 A. M.

F. M. HUTCHISON,
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Eighty-eight Office Duplicates for Taxes of 1869;
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de28:b96-T HENRY LAMBERT, Controller.

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MARY LITTLE,
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Executors of Thomas Little, Sr., deceased.
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COLLECTOR'S SALE for TAXES.—I have distrained and will cause to be sold at public sale, at the COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, No. 67 Water street, Allegheny City, Pa., for Internal Revenue taxes due and unpaid by E. A. & W. L. Coyle, of said city, on TUESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M.:

3,900 Cigars, 1½ lbs. Snuff, 80 new Cigar Boxes, 1 Tobacco Cutter, 1 Cigar Table, 13 lbs. Chewing Tobacco, 1 set Counter Scales Wrapping Paper, Pouches, Pipes, 1 show Case filled with Tobacco and Cigars, Stems, &c.

SAMUEL BAIRD,
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VALUABLE BANK, BRIDGE & INSURANCE STOCKS—TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 29th, at 7½ o'clock, will be sold on second floor of Commercial Sales Rooms, 106 Smithfield street.

32 shares Exchange National Bank:
24 do German do
10 do M. & M. do
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10 do Allegheny Suspension Bridge;
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5 do Citizens Insurance Co.,
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OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY CO.,
PITTSBURGH, December 19, 1868.

NOTICE TO BAKERS.

Sealed Proposals, addressed to the "Inspectors of the Allegheny County Prison," will be received at this office until the 31st inst., inclusive for furnishing the County Prison with Bread for six months, from JANUARY 15th 1869. Loaves to weigh one and a half and two pounds respectively, and to be of approved quality. Bids to be made at so much per pound. Bonds for two thousand dollars will be required for faithful performance of contract. The name of the security must accompany the bid. Bills endorsed by the Warden and probated at this office, will be paid monthly.

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Frederick Black, eating house, Third ward;
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M. A. Stewart, eating house, Braddock.
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TREASURER'S OFFICE, Dec. 12, 1868.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO the holders of the SIX PER CENT. MUNICIPAL BONDS of the City of Allegheny, that the Coupons on said Bonds coming due January 1st, 1869, will be paid on said day, (less the State tax.) at the Bank of Pittsburgh, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pa.

D. MACFERRON,
de15:b48 Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

CITY OF ALLEGHENY, PA.,
TREASURER'S OFFICE Dec. 12, 1868.

ALLEGHENY CITY COMPROMISE BONDS WANTED.—Persons holding Compromise Bonds of the City of Allegheny, Pa., are hereby notified that the Sinking Fund for 1868 will be invested in said Bonds at the lowest rates offered. Proposals will be received by the undersigned until FRIDAY, January 1st, 1869.

D. MACFERRON,
de12:b47 Treasurer of the City of Allegheny, Pa.

NOTICE.—To all Persons Engaged in Hauling or Wheeling Rubbish or Ashes: You are hereby notified not to place any rubbish or ashes on the wharf. All rubbish or ashes must be taken to the Point. Any person caught violating the above notice will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

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OFFICE OF CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY CO.,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 21st, 1868.

☞ALLEGHENY COUNTY PRISON—The annual election of officers of this Institution will be held at the stated meeting of the BOARD OF INSPECTORS on JANUARY 2d, 1869,

By order of the Board.

de22:b82-d&F HENRY LAMBERT, Controller.

OFFICE HOUSE OF REFUGE WESTERN PA.,
No. 67 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh,
December 23d, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the Contributors to the House of Refuge will be held at the Office of the Institution, No. 67 FOURTH STREET, Pittsburgh, on MONDAY, the 4th day of January, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, to hear the Report of the Board of Managers, and to elect officers for the ensuing year.

By order J. B. D MEEDS,
de24:b92 Secretary.

☞IN THE MATTER OF OPENING LOCUST STREET, IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH—All owners of Lots, or other persons interested in the BURIAL GROUNDS on STEVENSON STREET, one belonging to the Associate Reformed Church, known as KERR'S GRAVE YARD, and the other to the Catholic Church, known as the CATHOLIC GRAVE YARD, are hereby notified that they are required to remove the bodies from the ground within the line of Locust street, within three months from this date; and if the same are not removed within that time, they will be removed by the undersigned, who have been appointed Commissioners for that purpose. Said street is forty eight feet wide, and extends along the line between the said Burial Grounds about one-half off each. All necessary information can be had by application to either of the Commissioners.

The Commissioners will meet for consultation with Lot Owners, on MONDAY, December 22d, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the City Engineer's Office, Market Building, third story.

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J. D. KELLY,
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Pittsburgh, Dec, 4, 1868.
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BANK NOTICES.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, PITTSBURGH,
December 17th, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION for NINE DIRECTORS of this Bank to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, corner of FIFTH AVENUE and WOOD STREET, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

de18:b59 J. D. SCULLY, Cashier.

MERCHANTS AND MANUFACTURERS NAT. BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION for DIRECTORS of this Bank will take place at the BANKING HOUSE, corner of First and Wood streets, on TUESDAY, January 12th 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

de14:b36 JOHN SCOTT, JR., Cashier.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
PITTSBURGH, December 12th, 1868.

☞ELECTION NOTICE.—The Annual Election of Directors of this Bank to serve during the ensuing year, will take place at the Bank, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.

de14:b38 JOHN B. LIVINGSTON, Cashier.

UNION NATIONAL BANK,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 12, 1868.

☞NOTICE.—The Annual Election for DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours of 1 and 3 P. M.

de12:b30 R. S. SMITH, Cashier.

MECHANICS NATIONAL BANK,
Pittsburgh, Dec. 11, 1868.

☞AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.

JOHN G. MARTIN,
de12:b31 Cashier

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, Dec. 12, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION of Directors to serve during the ensuing year will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

W. McCANDLESS,
de13:b29 Assistant Cashier

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE,
December 11, 1868.

☞The annual election for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, corner of Wood street and Sixth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

JOSEPH H. HILL, Cashier.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
December 12, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION for ELEVEN DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, between the hours of 11 A. M and 1 P. M.

de15:b41 F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
PITTSBURGH, December 14, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION for ELEVEN DIRECTORS will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 12, 1869, between the hours of 10 and 12 A. M.

de15:b42 CYRUS CLARKE, JR., Cashier

EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, December 12, 1868.

☞The Annual Election of Directors for this Bank will take place at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1869, between the hours of 12 o'clock, M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

H. M. MURRAY,
de12:b20:D.W. ☞ Cashier.

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH,
PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12, 1868.

☞THE ANNUAL ELECTION for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, 12th January, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M., and 2 P. M.

de19:b83 J. E. BRADY, JR., Cashier.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 28, 1868.

The main feature of the past week was the tightness of the money market, the advance of the stock market and the firm tone in the gold room. Although it has cost 1-32 and even 1-16 per cent. per day to have gold carried, yet the market advanced under a light demand, and at the eve of large payments of interest for bonds by the Government and the Pacific Railroads. The unsettled condition of European politics, as well as the large shipments of currency to the cotton States, were the main causes of these unexpected changes in the market. A careful examination of the reasons assigned for a future rise of the gold premium reduces them to the fear that large shipments of gold would have to be made, whilst our imports are known to be small for the season and have fallen off considerably already; the stagnation in all kind of foreign business, especially dry goods, is very discouraging to large importations, and the exports of cotton will keep pace with imports of other merchandise. An advance of the gold premium for political causes would have the effect of bringing down the price of our national bonds, and thus prevent large return shipments of them in exchange for gold; the only reasons for any advance in gold would have to be looked for at home, and here there is none, since it is not likely that Congress will yet meddle with the currency question, otherwise than seek a decrease of our currency issues.

Bonds were dull during the week, but rallied on Saturday for the issues of 1865, '67 and '68, the interest of which becomes due January next; there is also more demand for Pacific bonds for the purpose of earning the accrued gold interest; yet, in view of the tight money market larger purchases may be delayed until after the quarterly bank statement on January fourth.

Stocks remain strong, and nearly all the Railroad shares are higher on account of the management of the large cliques; the transactions at the stock exchange, however, are confined to small purchases, and attempts by parties are made to dispose of their shares at high prices.

Our local money market is devoid of any interest. Allegheny Valley bonds were much in demand about two weeks ago at from 82 to 85, but could scarcely be sold in large lots at the average price.

Business for the past week has been dull and unsatisfactory in the retail line, and large transactions are generally not entered into before the close of the year.

Quotations as received by Ph. R. Mertz: Gold, 135; Silver, 128; Eighty-one's, 114½; Five Twenties, 1862, 110¼; do 1864, 106⅛; do 1865, 107⅝; do 1865, Consols, 110; do 1867, 110¼; do 1868, 110⅛; Ten Forties, 105⅝; New York Central, 154¼; Erie, 39; Reading, 98; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad, 112¼; Ohio & Mississippi, 31⅜; Michigan Southern, 87⅝; Cleveland & Pittsburgh, 83; Chicago & Rock Island, 116¼; Chicago & North Western, 80¼; do Preferred, 82½; Western Union Telegraph Company, 119¼; Pacific Mail, 115⅜; Adams Express, 48¼; Merchants, 115½.

—The Louisville *Courier*, in referring to the failure of Charles Tucker, banker of that city, says: While no one was prepared for the failure of so apparently stanch a monetary concern, the general disposition was to deprecate the misfortune and to reason the occurrence into as favorable an aspect as possible. But every citizen was more or less exercised, and some were really incensed. These latter industriously put forth the ugly side of the case, and bruited many stories inimical to the fairness and squareness of the collapsed bankers. In the absence of any authentic data, these street rumors as to the cause of the failure are to be touched with a very long pole. Some of the conjectures, however, may have approached pretty near the truth. The more sober-minded of those who claimed to have figured behind the scenes, avouched that the failure was the result of ill-advised speculation in stocks between the house of Mr. Chas. Tucker and that of his brother in New York. Even this is a vague theory, and entitled to very little credit. It is said, as further indicative of the secret of the smash-up, that a creditor of the house called upon Mr. Tucker early yesterday morning and paid in about fourteen hundred dollars, when Mr. T. remarked that if all other creditors would do likewise he could go on with his business and place it upon a healthy footing.

It is not known outside of the banking company what the liabilities are, but this generally-desired information will doubtless be given from the proper source in due time.

—Closing quotations received by James T. Brady & Co.: Gold, 135; United States Sixes, 1881's, 114½; 5-20's, 1862, 110¼; 5-20's, 1864, 106½; 5-20's, 1865, 107; 10-40's, 105½; 5-20's, January and July, '65, 110; 5-20's, January and July, '67 110¼; '68, 110½; June 7-30's, par less ¼; July 7-30's, do ¼; August 119; Sept., 119; Oct. 118¼; Union Pacific Railroad, 102; Central, 103.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

PENN'A CENTRAL STOCK YARDS, SATURDAY, December 26, 1868.

CATTLE.

The market has been moderately active since the date of our last report, (Wednesday) and the volume of business, in the aggregate, was as large as could have been expected under existing circumstances, the number sold reaching 500 head. Prime shipping Cattle were in fair demand, and, compared with last week, brought an advance of from 25 to 30c per cwt., while the commoner grades were very dull, and as buyers were very scarce, sold slowly at any price. At the close to-day there are but very few Cattle in the pens unsold, and the market is firm, though not excited. Prime to extra shipping steers may be quoted at 7½ to 8c, and medium do at 6¾ to 7c. Stock Cattle, for which the demand continues light, remain unchanged, ranging from 4 to 5¼c, as to quality and condition. The sales were.

Rigle to Stott 6 head, weighing 4,900, at 4,25; Ferguson to Frank 20 head, weighing 21,375, at 7,35; Smith & Blue to McGarvy 17, weighing 15,900, at 5,50; Katz to Rigle 3, weighing 4,225; Smith & Blue to Aull & Co. 15, weighing 17,350, at 5,75; Haller to Munhelm 14, weighing 21,225; Orr & Williams to Styer 17, weighing 21,125, at 6; Hedges & Taylor to Aull & Co. 19, weighing 18,050, at 5,50; same to Frank 21, weighing 19,850, at 4,50; Zeigler to Moses 17, weighing 17,700, at 5,75; Holoway to Frank 7, weighing 10,000, at 7,60; Oberman to Rowe 40, weighing 40,775, at 5,75; Hedges & Taylor to Downy 33, weighing 38,325, at 6,75; Brown to Redner 21, weighing 18,650, at 5,50; Shamburg to Selser 10, weighing 10,775, at 7; Smith & Blue to Robinson 18, weighing 16,625, at 5,20; Hedges & Taylor to Hunchberger 25, weighing 17,425, at 4; same to Aull & Co. 52, weighing 65,175, at 7,25; Holmes, Lafferty & Co. to Rigle 5, weighing 4,950, at 3,50; same to Moses, 16, weighing 14,575, at 4,50; same to Rigle 19, weighing 15,200, at 3,50; same to Stott 21, weighing 19,975, at 4,75; same to Pierce 22, weighing 17,200, at 6,62; Heatin to Klemen 20 at $69 per head.

SHEEP.

The sheep market was very dull and offish during the early part of the week under the influence of large receipts but has since, owing to diminished arrivals, improved considerably, and to-day there was a very fair demand, especially for prime fat mutton sheep, of which there were but very few to be had. Prime to extra may be quoted at 4,50 to 5 cts per pound, and common to medium at 3 to 3,50. The sales during Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and up untill 10 A. M. to-day aggregated 6,050 head nearly all of which changed hands at prices ranging from 3 to 4,75,—one drove scalawags, sold at $1,05 per head. As we have have already intimated the market was stronger than it was in the early part of the week, though there is still room for improvement.

HOGS.

There was little or nothing done in Hogs yesterday or to-day, which was owing mainly to the fact that there were but very few in the yards to sell, the arrivals during the time mentioned, not exceeding half a dozen cars. This being the case, the market continues firm, and since the date of our last report, prices have advanced fully 50c per cwt. We can report sales during the past three days of 4,175 head, and we give quotations to-day at 9 to 9½ for fair to medium averages, (such as are usually shipped to New York) and 10 to 10¼ for prime to choice, such as are usually shipped to Philadelphia. Our packers have been out of the market over a week, and, we presume, that they will stay out until prices decline materially. At present prices it would require a fortune to put up 5,000 Hogs, and, besides, it is risky, as they may be considerably lower before the season is over.

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, SATURDAY, December 26, 1868.

GENERAL REVIEW.

The Petroleum market has been very quiet during the past two or three days, and the only important feature we have to notice is a slight improvement in the offers for spot oil (Refined). During Monday and Tuesday, there was considerable excitement, consequent upon the expectation of some that an attempt would be made to effect a "corner;" since then, however, as already intimated, quietness has ruled supreme, and there seems to be a general disposition manifested to hold off now until after the first of the new year. Receipts of Crude for the week, 7,842 barrels; from January 1st to date, 1,057,355, against 727,494 same time last year. Shipments of Refined this week, 13,534, against 32,072 last week; from January 1st to date, 718,525, against 673,790, same time last year. Sales this week, 18,500 barrels, against 72,200 last week.

CRUDE.

The market has been quiet all week, and the only new feature we have to notice is that the feeling is weaker and prices tending downward, though, as yet, without important change. Quottaions may be fairly given at 12 to 12¼ for spot or first six months, sellers option, the inside figures offered and the outside figures asked. Sale of 1,600 bbls—and it was the only reported—for January, sellers option, (40 to 45) at 12. Buyers option, all next year, is nominal at 15½ to 16.

REFINED

The market for Refined has also been very quiet for two or three days, and compared with the early part of the week prices are lower. Late on Thursday there was a sale of 500 bbls on spot at 29; to-day, however, the market for that delivery was firmer, there being offers to buy at 30 to 30¼, and no sellers below 30¼. January and February was offered at 29¼; and there was an offer to buy April to June at 31½. Lines for the first six months nominal at 31 to 31¼. Same delivery, buyers option, 33½.

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Citizens Ref. Co., 450 do do to Tack Bro., Philadelphia.
Forsyth, Bro. & Co., 100 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
Total shipments Refined..... 1743

OIL SHIPPED EAST FROM DUQUESNE DEPOT.

G. W. Holdship & Co., 95 do do to Waring, King & Co., Philadelphia.
Union Ref. & St. Co., 158 do refined to W. P. Logan & Bro., Philadelphia.
Brooks, Ballentine & Co., 50 do do to Warden, Frew & Co., Philadelphia.
Brooks, Ballentine & Co., 40 do do to Libby & Clark, New York.
Total shipments Refined..... 393
" Benzole..... 40

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SCANDAL LANE.

BY MRS. M. A. KIDDER.

It is not on the signboard, Sir,
Go search both far and wide;
Or in the town directory,
The map or railroad guide;
And if you pump your neighbors, Sir,
You pump, alas! in vain,
For no one e'er acknowledged yet
He lived in Scandal Lane!

It is a fearful neighborhood,
So secret and so sly;
Although the tenants oftentimes
Include the rich and high.
But told they're even cannibals,
And when they dine or sup,
By way of change they'll turn about,
And eat each other up!

They much prefer the youthful, Sir,
The beautiful and rare;
They grind up character and all,
And call it wholesome fare!
And should the helpless victim wince,
They heed not cries of pain;
These very bloody cannibals,
That live in Scandal Lane!

If you should chance to dine with them,
Pray never be deceived,
When they seem most like bosom friends,
They're least to be believed.
Their claws are sheathed in velvet, Sir,
Their teeth are hid by smiles,
And woe betide the innocent
Who falls beneath their wiles!

When they have mangled out their prey,
They make a cat-like spring;
Or hug them like a serpent, ere
They plant the fatal sting!
And then they wash their guilty hands,
But don't efface the stain,
These very greedy cannibals,
That live in Scandal Lane!

THE HIDDEN HAND.

BY MRS. SOUTHWORTH.

Author of "The Bride of an Evening," "The Deserted Wife," &c., &c., &c.

CHAPTER I.

THE FORCED MARRIAGE.

Colonel Gabrielle Le Noir, a Virginia nabob, in order that he might inherit the paternal estates, hired an outlaw, named Black Donald, to murder his elder brother, Eugene Le Noir. He then shut up Eugene's widow in his residence, known as the Hidden House, and, as he supposed, made away with her new-born infant. But Eugene's infant child was saved, and finally got into the possession of Major Ira Warfield, a tempestuous old neighbor and relentless foe of Colonel Le Noir's. On account of Major Warfield's irrepressible temper, he was called Old Hurricane, and his residence was known as Hurricane Hall.

Years before our story opens, Col. Le Noir had caused a separation between Major Warfield and his wife, and the latter, under the name of Marah Rocke, with her son Traverse, had had a bitter struggle for bread. But they had got along, and Traverse had become a physician, and was betrothed to Clara Day, the only daughter of a rich doctor. But Dr. Day dying suddenly, Clara had come under the control of the unscrupulous Col. Le Noir, the executor of the Doctor's will and her guardian. The Colonel had turned Mrs. Rocke and Traverse out of Dr. Day's house, and taken Clara off to his own residence, the Hidden House, where he tried to compel her to marry his own son, Craven Le Noir. But Capitola Black, the heroine of our story, (and who, though now grown up, was the same infant child of Eugene Le Noir that the Colonel supposed he had silenced forever, and who is as keen as an eagle and brave as a lion,) undertook to get Clara out of the clutches of her persecutors.

It was a desperate game that Capitola undertook to play, for the Le Noirs, both father and son, were unscrupulous and cruel to the last degree. They would not hesitate to commit murder to carry their point if they could not gain it by the perpetration of lesser crimes. But, nothing daunted, the spirited Capitola determined to aid her friend Clara, and for that purpose risked a visit to the Hidden House while Col. Le Noir was at home. She learned from Clara that the Colonel and Craven were going to take her to an out-of-the-way chapel in the evening, and force her into a marriage against her will. "The officiating clergymen is their friend," said Clara; and even if I could consent to act a deceitful part and should go to church as if to marry Craven, and upon getting there, denounce him, instead of receiving the protection of the clergyman, I should be restored to the hands of my legal guardian, and be brought back here to meet a fate worse than death." Thus Clara spoke in a tone of despair.

Capitola did not at once reply, but fell into deep thought, which lasted many minutes. Then speaking more gravely than she had spoken before, she said:

"There is but one plan of escape left, your only remaining chance, and that full of danger."

"Oh! why should I feel danger? What evil can befall me so great as that which now threatens me?" said Clara.

"This plan requires on your part great courage, self-control and presence of mind."

"Teach me, teach me, dear Capitola. I will be an apt pupil!"

"I have thought it all out, and will tell my plan. It is now eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and the carriage is to come for you at six this evening, I believe?

"Yes! yes!"

"Then you have seven hours in which to save yourself. And this is my plan: First, Clara, you must change clothes with me, giving me your suit of mourning and putting on my riding habit, hat and vail. Then leaving me here in your place, you are to pull the veil down closely over your face and walk right out of the house. No one will speak to you, for they never do to me. When you have reached the yard, spring upon my horse and put whip to him for the village of Tip Top. My servant, Wool, will ride after you, but he will not speek to you or approach near enough to discover your identity—for he has been ordered by his master to keep me in sight, and he has been forbidden by his mistress to intrude upon her privacy. You will reach Tip Top by three o'clock, when the Staunton stage passes through. You may then reveal yourself to Wool, give my horse into his charge, get into the coach and start for Staunton. Upon reaching that place, put yourself under the protection of your friends, the two old physicians, and get them to prosecute your guardian for cruelty and flagrant abuse of authority. Be cool, firm and alert, and all will be well!"

Clara, who had listened to this little Napoleon in petticoats with breathless interest, now clasped her hands in a wild ecstacy of joy, and exclaimed:

"I will try it! Oh, Capitola, I will try it! Heaven bless you for the counsel!"

"Be quick, then, change your dress, provide yourself with a purse of money, and I will give you particular directions how to make a short cut for Tip Top! Ha, ha, ha! when they come for the bride, she will be already rolling on the turnpike between Tip Top and Staunton."

"But you! Oh, you, my generous deliveror?"

"I shall dress myself in your clothes and stay here in your place to keep you from being missed, so as to give you full time to make your escape."

"But, you will place yourself in the enraged lion's jaws. You will remain in the power of two men who know neither justice nor mercy, who in their love or their hate fear neither God or man. Oh, Capitola, how can I take an advantage of your generosity, and leave your here in such extreme peril? Capitola, I cannot do it."

"Well, then, I believe you must be anxious to marry Craven Le Noir."

"Oh, Capitola."

"Well, if you are not, hurry and get ready; there is no time to be lost."

"But *you!* but you, my generous friend?"

"Never mind me. *I* shall be safe enough. *I* am not afraid of the Le Noirs. Bless their wigs, I should like to see them make *me* blench. On the contrary, I desire above all other things to be pitted against those two. How I shall enjoy their disappointment and rage. Oh, it will be a rare frolic."

While Capitola was speaking she was also engaged doing. She went softly to the door and turned the key in the lock, to prevent any one from looking through the key-hole.

Then she began to take off her riding-habit. Quickly she dressed Clara, superintending all the details of her disguise as carefully as though she were the costumer of a new *debutante*. When Clara was dressed, she was so nearly of the same size and shape of Capitola that no one from behind would have suspected her identity.

"There, Clara, tuck your light hair out of the way; pull your cap over your eyes; gather down your veil close; draw up your figure; throw back your head; walk with a little springy sway and swagger, as if you didn't care for anybody, and—there! I declare, nobody could tell you from me," exclaimed Capitola in delight, as she completed the disguise and the instructions of Clara.

Then Capitola dressed herself in Clara's deep mourning robes. And now the two girls sat down to compose themselves for a few minutes, while Capitola gave new and particular directions for Clara's course and conduct, so as to insure, as far as human foresight could do it, the safe termination of her perilous adventure. By the time they had ended their talk, the hall clock struck twelve.

"There, it is full time you should be off. Be calm, be cool, be firm, and God bless you, Clara! Dear girl, if I were a young man, I would deliver you by the strength of my own arm, without subjecting you to inconvenience or danger," said Cap. gallantly, as she led Clara to the chamber door, and carefully gathered her thick veil in close folds over her face, so as to entirely conceal it.

"Oh, may the Lord in Heaven bless and preserve and reward you, my brave, my noble, my heroic Capitola!" said Clara, fervently, with the tears rushing to her eyes.

"Bosh," said Cap. "If you go doing the sentimental you won't look like me a bit, and that will spoil all. There, keep your vail close, for it's windy, you know; throw back your head and swing yourself with a swagger as if you didn't care a fig for anybody, and—there you are," said Cap., pushing Clara out and shutting the door behind her.

Clara paused an instant to offer up one short fervent prayer for her success and Capitola's safety, and then following her instructions, went on.

Nearly all the girls are clever imitators, and Clara readily adopted Capitola's light, springy, swaying walk, and met old Dorcas Knight, Colonel Le Noir's housekeeper, in the hall, without exciting the slightest suspicion of her identity.

"Humph," said the woman; "so you are going. I advise you not to come back again.

Clara threw up her head with a swagger, and went on.

"Very well, you may scorn my words, but if you know your own good, you'll follow my advice," said Dorcas Knight, harshly.

Clara threw up her head and passed out.

Before the door, Wool, Capitola's black servant, was waiting with the horses. Keeping her face closely muffled, Clara went to Capitola's pony. Wool came and helped her into the saddle, saying:

"Yer does right, Miss Cap., to keep your face kivered; it's awful windy, ain't it though? I kin scarcely keep the hat from blowing offen my head."

With an impatient jerk after the manner of Capitola, Clara signified that she did not wish to converse. Wool dropped obediently behind, mounted his horse, and followed at a respectful distance, until Clara turned her horse's head and took the bridle-path toward Tip Top. This move filled poor Wool with dismay. Riding toward her, he exclaimed:

"'Deed, Miss Cap., yer mus' scuse me for speakin' now. Whar de mischief *is* yer a'goin' to?"

For all answer Clara, feigning the temper of Capitola, suddenly wheeled her horse, elevated her riding whip, and galloped upon Wool in a threatening manner.

Wool dodged and backed his horse with all possible expedition—exclaiming in consternation:

"Dar! Dar, Miss Cap., I won't go for to ax you any more questions—no, not if yer rides straight to Old Nick or Black Donald!"

Whereupon, receiving this apology in good part, Clara again turned her horse's head and rode on her way.

Wool followed, bemoaning the destiny that kept him between the two fierce fires of his old master's despotism and his young mistress' caprice, and muttering:

"I know old marse and dis young gal am goin' for to be the death of me. I knows it jes' as well as nuffin at all. I 'clare to man if it aint nuff to make anybody go heave themselves right into a grist mill and be ground up at once."

Wool spoke no more until they got to Tip Top, when Clara, still closely vailed, rode up to the stage office just as the coach, half filled with passengers, was about to start. Springing from her horse she went up to Wool and said:

"Here, man, take this horse back to Hurricane Hall. Tell Major Warfield that Miss Black remains at the Hidden House in imminent danger. Ask him to ride there and bring her home. Tell Miss Black when you see her, that I reached Tip Top safe and in time to take the coach. Tell her I will never cease to be grateful. And now, here is a half eagle for your trouble. Good-bye, and God bless you." And she put the piece in his hand and took her place in the coach, which immediately started.

Meanwhile how fared it with Capitola in the Hidden House?

"I am in for it now!" said Cap., closed the door behind Clara; "I a it now! This *is* a jolly imprudent ture! What will Wool do when he ers that he has 'lost sight' of m will uncle say when he finds I've done? Wh—ew! Uncle wil I wonder if the walls at Hurrican be strong enough to stand it? go mad! I doubt if he will e more good in this world?

"But, above all, I wonder wh Noirs, father and son, WILL say find that the heiress has flown. gar,' as uncle flatters me by calli be here in her place! Whe—ew There will be a tornado! Cap., c murder you! that's just what They'll kill and eat you, Cap., without any salt, or they may lock you up in the haunted room to live with the ghost, Cap., and that would be worse!

"Hush! here comes Dorcas Knight! Now I must make her believe I'm Clara, and do the sentimental up brown!" concluded Capitola, as she seated herself near the door where she could be heard, and began to sob softly.

Dorcas rapped.

Cap. sobbed in reponse.

"Are you coming to luncheon, Miss Day?" inquired the woman.

"Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* I do not want to eat," sobbed Cap., in a low and smothered voice. Any one would have thought she was drowned in tears.

"Very well—just as you like," said the woman, harshly, as she went away.

"Well, I declare," laughed Cap.," "I did that quite as well as an actress could! But now what am I to do? How long can I keep this up? Heigh-ho! 'let the world slide!' I'll not reveal myself until I'm driven to it, for when I do—! Cap., child, you'll get chawed right up!"

A little later in the day Dorcas Knight came again, and rapped at the door.

"Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!*" sobbed Cap.

"Miss Day, your cousin, Craven Le Noir, wishes to speak with you alone."

"Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* I cannot see him, sobbed Cap., in a low and suffocating voice.

The woman went away, and Cap. suffered no other interruption until six o'clock, when Dorcas Knight once more rapped, saying:

"Miss Day, your uncle is at the front door with the carriage, and he wishes to know if you are ready to obey him."

"Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!* Ee—*hee!*—te—te—tell him yes!" sobbed Cap., as if her heart would break.

The woman went off with this answer, and Capitola hastily enveloped her form in Clara's large black shawl, put on Clara's black bonnet, and tied her thick mourning veil closely over her face.

"A pretty bridal dress this! but, however, I suppose these men are no more particular about my costume than they are about their own conduct," said Cap.

She had just drawn on her gloves when she heard the footsteps of two men approaching. They rapped at the door.

"Come in," she sobbed, in a low broken voice, that might have belonged to any girl in deep distress, and she put a white cambric handkerchief up to her eyes and drew her thick vail closely over her face.

The two Le Noirs immediately entered the room. Craven approached her, and whispered softly:

"You will forgive me this, my share in these proceedings, after while, sweet Clara. The Sabine women did not love the Roman youths the less that they were forcibly made wives by them."

"Ee—*hee! Ee—hee!* Ee—*hee!*" sobbed Cap., entirely concealing her face in her white cambric handkerchief under her impenetrable vail.

"Come, come! we lose time," said the elder Le Noir. "Draw her arm within yours, Craven, and lead her out."

The young man did as he was directed, and led Cap. from the room. It was now quite dark—the long dreary passage was only dimly lighted by a hanging lamp, so that, with the care she took, there was scarcely a possibility of Capitola's being discovered. They went on, Craven Le Noir whispering hypocritical apologies, and Cap. replying only by sobs.

When they reached the outer door they found a close carriage drawn up before the house.

To this Craven Le Noir led Capitola, placed her within and took the seat by her side. Colonel Le Noir placed himself on the front seat opposite them, and the carriage was driven rapidly off.

An hour's ride brought the party to an obscure church in the depths of the forest, which Capitola recognized, by the cross on its top, to be a Roman Catholic Chapel.

Here the carriage drew up, and the two Le Noirs got out and assisted Capitola to alight.

They then led her into the church, which was dimly illuminated by a pair of wax candles burning before the altar. The priest in his sacerdotal robes was in attendance. A few country people were scattered thinly about among the pews, at their private devotions.

Guarded by Craven Le Noir on the right, and Colonel Le Noir on the left, Capitola was marched up the aisle and placed before the altar.

Colonel Le Noir then went and spoke apart to the officiating priest, saying, in a tone of dissatisfaction:

"I told you, Sir, that as our bride was an orphan, recently bereaved, and still in deep mourning, we wished the marriage ceremony to be strictly private, and you gave me to understand, Sir, that at this hour the chapel was most likely to be vacant. Yet here I find half a score of people. How is this?"

"Sir," replied the priest, "it is true that at this hour of the evening the chapel *is* most likely to be vacant, but it is not therefore certain to be so, nor did I promise as much. Our chapel is, as you know, open at all hours of the day and night, that all who please may come and pray. These people that you see are hard-working farm laborers, who have no time to come in the day, and who are now here to offer up their evening prayers, and, also, some of them to examine their consciences preparatory to confession. They can certainly be no interruption to the ceremony."

"Egad, I don't know that," muttered Colonel Le Noir between his teeth.

As for Cap., the sight of other persons present in the chapel filled her heart with joy and exultation, inasmuch as it insured her final safety. And so she just abandoned herself to the spirit of frolic that possessed her, and anticipated with the keenest relish the denouement of her strange adventure.

"Well, what are we waiting for? Proceed, Sir, proceed," said Colonel Le Noir as he took Cap. by the shoulders and placed her on the left side of his son, while he himself stood behind ready to "give the bride away."

The ceremony immediately commenced.

The prologue beginning "Dearly Beloved, we are gathered together here," etc., etc., etc., was read.

The solemn exhortation to the contracting parties commencing: "I require and charge ye both, as ye shall answer in the dreadful day of judgment, when the secrets of all hearts shall be disclosed, that if either of you know any just cause or impediment why ye may not lawfully be joined together," &c., &c., &c., followed.

Capitola listened to all this with the deepest attention, saying to [illegible] "Well, I declare, this [illegible] ally awor Herstraight happon mental e bride- be thy ye both sonorous that pre- he bride, thy wed- del husband," &c., &c., "so long as ye both shall live?"

To which the bride, throwing aside her vail, answered firmly:

"No! not if he were the last man and I the last woman on the face of the earth, and the human race were about to become extinct, and the angel Gabriel came down from above to ask it of me as a personal favor."

The effect of this outburst, this revelation, this explosion, may be imagined but can never be adequately described.

The priest dropped his book, and stood with lifted hands and open mouth and staring eyes, as though he had raised a ghost!

The two Le Noirs simultaneously sprang forward, astonishment, disappointment and rage contending in their blanched faces!

"Who are you, girl?" exclaimed Colonel Le Noir.

"Capitola Black, your honor's glory!" she replied, making a deep courtesy.

"What the foul fiend is the meaning of all this?" in the same breath inquired the father and son.

Cap., in her free, rollicking way, replied:

"It means that you have been outwitted by a girl; it means that your purposed victim has fled, and is by this time in safety. It means that you two, precious father and son, would be a pair of knaves if you had sense enough; but, failing in that, you are only a pair of fools."

By this time the attention of the few persons in the church was aroused. They all arose to their feet to look and listen, and some of them left their places and approached the altar. And to these latter Capitola now suddenly turned, and said, aloud:

"Good people, I am Capitola Black, the niece and ward of Major Ira Warfield, of Hurricane Hall, whom you all know,; and now I claim your protection while I shall tell you the meaning of my presence here."

"Don't listen to her! she is a maniac!" cried Colonel Le Noir.

"Stop her mouth!" cried Craven, springing upon Capitola and holding him tightly in the grasp of his right arm, while he covered her lips and nostrils with his large left hand.

Capitola struggled so fiercely to free herself that Craven had enough to do to hold her, and was not aware of a ringing footstep coming up the aisle, until a stunning blow, dealt from a strong arm, covered his face with blood, and stretched him out at Capitola's feet.

Capitola, flushed, breathless and confused, looked up and was caught to the bosom of Herbert Grayson, who, pale with concentrated rage, held her closely and inquired:

"Capitola, what violence is this which has been done you? Explain, who is the aggressor?"

"Wai—wai—wait until I get my breath!—there! that was good. That villain has all but strangled me to death. Oh, Herbert, I'm so delighted you've come! How is it that you always drop right down at the right time and on the right spot?" said Capitola, while gasping for breath.

"I will tell you another time. Now I want an explanation.

"Yes, Herbert, I also wish to explain—not only to you, but to these gaping good people. Let me have a hearing," said Cap.

"She is mad—absolutely mad!" cried Colonel Le Noir, who was assisting his son to rise.

"SILENCE, SIR!" thundered Herbert Greyson, advancing toward him with uplifted and threatening hand.

"Gentlemen, gentlemen! *pray* remember that you are within the walls of a church," said the distressed priest.

"Craven, this is no place for us—let us go and pursue our fugitive ward," whispered Colonel Le Noir to his son.

"We might as well; for it is clear that all is over here," replied Craven.

And the two baffled villains left the place.

Herbert Greyson was Capitola's lover. He had just graduated from West Point, had received a Lieutenant's commission, and was on his way to Mexico to join the forces under General Taylor. He had come out of his way to visit Hurricane Hall, had met Wool at Tip Top, and from him learned of Capitola's danger, and come to her rescue.

CHAPTER II.

COLONEL LE NOIR'S REVENGE.

When Colonel Le Noir left the chapel, his heart was torn with rage and shame, and he determined to wreak summary vengeance on Capitola, not only because she had baffled him in his schemes against Clara Day, but because he knew her to be the child of his murdered brother, Eugene, and feared she would some day claim her dead father's estates.

In this mood of mind, three days before his departure to join his regiment, he sought the retreat of the outlaw. He chose an early hour of the evening as that in which he should be most likely to find Black Donald.

It was about eight o'clock when he wrapped his large cloak around his tall figure, pulled his hat low over his sinister brows, and set out to walk alone in the secret cavern in the side of the Demon's Punch Bowl.

On arriving at a certain spot, he gave a peculiar whistle, which was immediately answered from within by the well-known voice of the outlaw chief, saying:

"All right, my Colonel. Give me your hand. Be careful now; the door of this cavern is several feet below the opening."

Le Noir extended his hand into the darkness within and soon felt it grasped by that of Black Donald, who, muttering, "Slowly, slowly, my Colonel!" succeeded in guiding him down the utter darkness of the subterranean descent until they stood upon the firm bottom of the cavern.

They were still in the midst of a blackness that might be felt, except that from a small opening in the side of the rock a light gleamed. Toward this second opening Black Donald conducted his patron.

And stooping and passing before him, led him into an inner cavern, well lighted and rudely fitted up. Upon a large natural platform of rock, occupying the centre of the space, were some dozen bottles of brandy or whisky, several loaves of bread and some dried venison. Around this rude table, seated upon fragments of rock, lugged thither for the purpose, were some eight or ten men of the band, in various stages of intoxication. Along the walls were piles of bear-skins, some of which served as couches for six or seven men, who had thrown themselves down upon them in a state of exhaustion or drunken stupor.

"Come, boys, we have not a boundless choice of apartments here, and I want to talk to my Colonel. Suppose you take your liquor and bread and meat into the outer cavern, and give us the use of this one for an hour," said the outlaw.

The men sullenly obeyed and began to gather up the viands. Demon Dick seized one of the lights to go after them.

"Put down the glim. Satan singe your skin for you! Do you want to bring a hue and cry uron us. Don't you know a light in the outer cavern can be seen from the outside?" roared Black Donald.

Dick sulkily set down the candle and followed his comrades.

"What are you glummering about? confound you! You can see to eat and drink well enough and find your way to your mouth in the dark, you brute," thundered the Captain.

But there was no answer to this, as the men had retreated and left their chief with his visitor alone.

Colonel Le Noir's bargain with the outlaw was soon made. Black Donald was to waylay and kill Capitola, as soon as possible, for which service Colonel Le Noir was to pay him $5,000 in gold. The heartless outlaw said, on the bargain's being completed, "You know, my Colonel, how I settled the hash of the girl's father—your elder brother—and now it is no more than just amends that I should send his daughter to him in Heaven as soon as possible."

In a few days after his interview with Black Donald, Colonel Le Noir started to join his regiment in Mexico, in which, as ill luck would have it, Herbert Greyson was a Lieutenant and Traverse Rocke (Clara Day's lover) had enlisted as a private. As soon as the Colonel had gone, his son Craven began to plot against him. Having lost Clara Day, Craven thought the next best thing he could do would be to woo and win Capitola, and after securing her for his wife, claim all the Le Noir estates for her as the heir of his uncle Eugene, and leave his father to take care of himself as best he could.

Craven Le Noir proceeded cautiously with his plans, knowing that there was time enough, and that all might be lost by haste. He did not wish to alarm Capitola.

The first time he took occasion to meet her in her rides he merely bowed deeply, even to the flaps of his saddle, and with a melancholy smile passed on.

"Miserable wretch! he is a mean fellow to want to marry a girl against her will, no matter how much he might have been in love with her, and I am very glad I balked him. Still, he looks so ill and unhappy that—I can't help pitying him," said Cap., looking compassionately at his white cheeks and langulshing eyes, and little knowing that the illness was the effect of dissipation, and that the melancholy was assumed for the occasion.

A few days after this Cap. again met Craven Le Noir, who again, with a deep bow and sad smile, passed her.

"Poor fellow! he richly deserves to suffer, and I hope it will make him better, for I am downright sorry for him; it must be so dreadful to lose one we love! but it was *too* base in him to let his father try to compel her to have him!"

Now Craven Le Noir had been conscious of the relenting and compassionate looks of Capitola, but he did not know they were only the pitying regards of a noble and victorious nature over a vanquished and suffering wrong-doer. However, he still determined to be cautious, and not ruin his prospects by precipitate action, but to hasten slowly."

So the next time he met Capitola he raised his eye with one deep, sad, appealing gaze to hers, and then bowing profoundly, passed on.

"Poor man!" said Cap to herself," he bears no malice toward me for depriving him of his sweetheart, that's certain! And badly as he behaved, I suppose it was all for love; for I don't know how any one could live in the same house with Clara and not be in love with her. I should have been so myself, if *I'd* been a man, I know!"

The next time Cap. met Craven, and saw again that deep, sorrowful, appealing gaze, as he bowed and passed her, she glanced after him, saying to herself:

"Poor soul, I wonder what he means by looking at me in that piteous manner? I can do nothing to relieve him. I'm sure if I could I would. 'But the way of the transgressor is hard,' Mr. Le Noir, and he who sins must suffer!"

For about three weeks their seemingly accidental meetings continued in this silent manner, so slowly did Craven make his advances. Then feeling more confidence he made a considerable long step forward.

One day, when he guessed that Capitola would be out, instead of meeting her as heretofore, he put himself in her road, and, riding slowly toward a five-barred gate, allowed her to overtake him.

He opened the gate, and bowing, held it open until she had passed.

She bowed her thanks and rode on, but presently, without the least appearance of intruding—since *she* had overtaken *him*—he was at her side, and, speaking with downcast eyes and deferential manner, he said:

"I have long desired an opportunity to express the deep sorrow and mortification I feel, for having been hurried into rudeness toward an estimable young lady at the Forest Chapel. Miss Black, will you permit me now to assure you of my profound repentance of that act, and to implore your pardon?"

"Oh, *I* have nothing against you, Mr. Le Noir! It was not *I* whom you were intending to marry against my will! and as for what you said and did to *me*, ha-ha! I had provoked it, you know, and I also afterward paid it in kind! It was a fair fight, in which I was victor; and victors should never be vindictive!" said Cap., laughing, for although knowing him to have been violent and unjust, she did not suspect him of being treacherous, and deceitful, or imagine the base designs concealed beneath his plausible manner. Her brave, honest nature could understand a brute and a despot, but not a traitor.

Craven bowed, smiled, lifted his hat and rode away; and not to excite Capitola's suspicions, he avoided meeting her for a few days, and then threw himself in her road, and, as before, allowed *her* to overtake *him*.

Very subtlely he entered into conversation with her, and guarded every word and look, took care to interest without alarming her. He said no more of friendship, but a great deal of regret for wasted years and wasted talents in the past, and good resolutions for the future.

And Cap. listened good humoredly. Capitola being of a brave, hard, firm nature, had not the sensitive perceptions, fine intuitions and true insight into character that distinguished the more refined nature of Clara Day—or, at least, she had not these delicate faculties in the same perfection. Thus her undefined suspicions of Craven's sincerity were overborne by a sort of noble benevolence, which determined her to think the best of him which circumstances would permit.

Craven, on his part, having had more experience, was much wiser in the pursuit of his object; he had also the advantage of being in earnest; his passion for Capitola was sincere, and not, as it had been in the case of Clara, simulated; he believed, therefore, that when the time should be ripe for the declaration of his love, he would have a much better prospect of success—especially as Capitola, in her ignorance of her own great fortune, must consider his proposal the very climax of disinterestedness.

After three more weeks of riding and conversing with Capitola, he had, in his own estimation, advanced so far in her good opinion as to make it perfectly safe to risk a declaration. And this he determined to do upon the first opportunity.

Chance favored him.

One afternoon Capitola, riding through the pleasant woods skirting the back of the mountain range that sheltered Hurricane Hall, got a fall, for which she was afterward inclined well to cuff her servant Wool.

It happened in this way: she had come to a steep rise in the road, and urged her pony into a hard gallop, intending, as she said to herself, to "storm the height," when suddenly, under the violent strain, the girth, ill-fastened, flew apart, and Miss Cap. was on the ground, buried under the fallen saddle. At this instant Craven rode up.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN.

The *Dispatch* has been sued for libel on oath of George Hall.

The jail was scrubbed out and thoroughly cleansed on Saturday.

The Letter Carriers appeared in their new uniforms on Saturday.

Seventeen cases were disposed of at Mayor Blackmore's morning court yesterday.

Thus far there have been but four fires during the present month—three of them slight.

Ill.—Capt. M. W. Lewis is seriously ill. Officer Joe Cupples is filling his place as officer of the day at the tombs.

The Board of Inspectors of the County Prison will meet on Saturday of next week, when the annual election for officers of the institution will be held.

Surety.—F. W. Hardend alleges that John Diebold threatened to kill him. A warrant for the arrest of the bold man was issued by Alderman Irwin.

Committed.—Alderman Thomas yesterday committed for a hearing, Thomas Davis, charged with assault and battery, on oath of his wife, Mary Davis.

Coal yet remains a scarce article on our streets. It is selling for eleven and twelve cents per bushel delivered. A coal famine in Pittsburgh is quite a novel sensation.

The raffle which was to have taken place for a fine black horse, on Christmas eve, at "Our House," Diamond alley, was postponed, and will take place positively to-night.

Charged With Horse Stealing.—William Simpson, arrested several days ago for stealing a horse from John Smith, was released on bail by Mayor Blackmore on Saturday afternoon.

The foundation of the New City Hall, on Smithfield street, is about completed. It is a splendid piece of masonry, and will cost the city about $30,000, fifty per cent. more than the original estimate.

Prof. Benj. Jones, Principal of the Birmingham Public School, was, on Thursday afternoon, presented with a beautiful gold pen and case by the scholars of his class, as a token of appreciation and esteem.

Fowl Appropriation. — Officers Moore and Dulyanev arrested Archibald Rynd in East Liberty, on Saturday night, for stealing a couple of game cocks from a resident in that locality. He is in the lock-up awaiting a hearing.

A Knock Down.—Edward Milhill alleges that Patrick Quinn met him on the street on Christmas day, and unceremoniously knocked him down. A warrant for the arrest of the pugilistic Patrick was issued by Alderman Herron.

The New Councils.—The new City Councils will meet for organization on the first Monday of January, when Mayor Brush will be inaugurated. The election for the minor city officers will take place on the second Tuesday of the month.

The contract for the building of a new church at Bellfield, on the site of the beautiful one recently destroyed by fire, has been awarded at $16,500. The building will be ten feet deeper than the old one, and fully equal in every respect.

Corner Loafers.—The Allegheny police made a raid on a crowd of loafers at the corner of Ohio and West streets, Third ward, and succeeded in capturing two of them. Mayor Drum fined them each one dollar and costs, which they paid and were released.

The New Truck.—Chief Engineer Hare and several members of the Committee on Fire Engines left for New York, yesterday, to bring home the new hook and ladder truck built there for the Fire Department of this city. The Committee expect to return about next Thursday.

Kicked Him.—Bernard Wynn alleges that Martin Joice knocked him down and wound up the assault by administering to him a vigorous kick while he lay upon the ground. Bernard was arrested Saturday afternoon and held for his appearance before Mayor Blackmore this morning.

The election of officers for the Pittsburgh Gymnastic Association, to serve for the ensuing year, 1869, will take place in Wilkins Hall, Fourth avenue, on Monday evening, 28th inst., between 7½ and 10 o'clock.

By order of the President,
N. B. MORANGE, Secretary.

Taken Over—Joseph G. Miller, sentenced to two years and nine months imprisonment in the Western Penitentiary for horse stealing, was taken over on Saturday afternoon.

John Anderson, a lad convicted of stealing a watch, was taken to the House of Refuge at the same time.

Fire Alarm.—The apparatus to connect the steeple on the Seventeenth ward School House, (Lawrenceville,) with the Central Station of the Fire Alarm Telegraph, was shipped from New York on the 23d inst., and is expected to arrive in this city today. It is the intention to use the bell in striking the hour, and for alarms of fire.

New Theatre.—It is probable that Mr. Coleman will carry out his design of remodeling Odd Fellows' Hall, and convert it into a first class theatre. On Saturday he was engaged in bargaining for a lot in Diamond alley, in the rear of his property, twenty-five by one hundred feet. Mr. Houck, the owner of the lot, values it at $16,000.

Runaway.—A two-horse team attached to a large, heavy coal wagon ran off on Rebecca street, Allegheny, Saturday afternoon. The wagon came in contact with a post on the corner and lost one of the hind wheels. The frightened animals ran a square or two further but were caught before any more damage was done. There was no driver in the wagon at the time.

Fatal Result.—Mr. John Crowthers, who was so seriously hurt by the explosion at the Superior Iron Works, the particulars of which we published several days ago, has since died from the effects of his injuries. Mr. Griffith, the other employe, who was also dangerously injured, is quite low, and his recovery is considered very doubtful.

Western University.—This institution will resume its session Monday, January 4th. Students prepared for any of the regular College Scientific or Preparatory classes can then be admitted. The Commercial Department is in charge of a gentleman fully competent for its duties. For information or catalogues apply to the President of the Faculty, University Building, corner of Ross and Diamond streets, between the hours of nine and two.

A correspondent, in whose integrity and truth we have unbounded confidence, writes us a letter detailing his experience in sending money East to large publishing houses for advertised literary works "to be sent free of postage on receipt of price," in which he has suffered material loss, never receiving the books ordered and paid for. We suppose such cases might be singled out, where the motive is direct fraud, but with all first-class Eastern publishers, such as advertise in the GAZETTE from time to time, integrity and good faith to all is their motto, and no thought of dishonesty can reasonably be attached to their fair reputations.

Highway Robbery.—About ten o'clock on Christmas night a man whose name we failed to learn was knocked down in Birmingham, near Grosvenor street, and robbed of his pocket book containing ten dollars and a package of car tickets. The assailant escaped with his booty.

Last Meeting.—The present City Councils will hold their last regular meeting this afternoon at two o'clock, at the usual place. The new Councils will be organized January 4th, 1869, at which time the Mayor elect will be sworn in. He will not, however, take his seat until February 1st.

Disorderly.—Johannah Franz alleges that Franz Mann came to her house on Saturday and acted in a disorderly manner by calling her names and otherwise improperly conducting himself. The parties reside in Birmingham. Justice Heisel issued a warrant for the arrest of the accused.

Assaulted.—John Kennedy and Rody Corbin got into a row in a beer saloon on Penn street, Christmas night. John seems to have got the worst of it, as he appeared before Alderman Irvin and lodged information against his opponent for assault and battery, upon which a warrant was issued.

Good.—That portion of the Greensburg Turnpike lying within the city limits, having been purchased by the city for the sum of five thousand dollars, was taken possession of on Friday by the city, and free travel over the road between here and Wilkinsburg commenced. By this purchase two toll gates are abolished.

Cross Suits.—Benjamin Sanbury made information yesterday against William Livingston, before Alderman Irvin, for assault and battery. This is a cross suit, Livingston having entered suit against Sansbury for assault, before Alderman Taylor, a few days ago. Livingston in this case was arrested and held for a hearing.

Admitted.—On Saturday, on motion of William Bakewell, Esq., William A. Sipe, Esq., of Indianapolis, Indiana, was qualified and admitted to practice in the several courts of the county. In the Court of Common Pleas, on motion of T. M. Marshall, Esq., J. Smith De Shane, of New Castle, was qualified and admitted to practice.

At a Regular Meeting of McCandless Lodge No. 390 A. Y. M., held on Thursday evening, Dec. 24th, 1868, the following named persons were elected to serve for the ensuing Masonic year: W. M., C. C. Arensberg; S. W., A. J. Harbaugh; J. W., George Teese; Secretary, Wm. A. Syter; Treasurer, Geo. T. VanDoren; Trustees, John G. Robinson, A. D. Anderson, John Moore.

Rescued.—Officer Wm. Hoak, on Christmas night, arrested a man named Tryhook, who was acting in a disorderly manner at a ball in City Hall. While the prisoner was on his way to the lock-up in charge of the officer, it is alleged that Jacob Slagle interfered, and after a scuffle rescued him. Information was made against Slagle by the officer on Saturday, upon which Mayor Blackmore issued a warrant.

Masonic Holiday.—To-day, December 28th, is generally observed in Europe and in a large portion of this country as a Masonic holiday or time of festivity. It is called St. John's day, and in former years the fraternity were accustomed to prepare a feast and conduct the installation ceremonies of officers elect. We have no knowledge of any intended celebration of it this year by the lodges in this vicinity.

The gas jets on St. Pauls Cathedral tower were lighted for the first time on Saturday night. The wind was blowing strong, and the experimental test was by no means satisfactory, although the effect from the score or more of burning jets attached to the cross was very fine. The gas is lighted by a current of electricity. Another experiment will shortly be made, when, it is to be hoped, every light will shine out and furnish a cross of fire in the clouds.

Bitten by a Horse.—Dr. Jas Robinson, of the Seventeenth ward, while making a professional call, on Saturday afternoon, hitched his horse to a post on Wylie street. A few minutes afterward James Hindman attempted to pass that way when he was seized by the animal and severely bitten on the right shoulder. Mr. Hindman proceeded immediately to the Mayor's office and lodged an information against the owner of the animal for assault and battery. The case will be heard to-day.

A Neighborly Misunderstanding.—Henry Markland made information Saturday afternoon, before Mayor Blackmore, against Martin Joyce, John Joyce, James Adler and James Meiling, for assault and battery. The parties are neighbors, Markland residing at No. 12 Penn street, and the others occupying houses in the vicinity. The origin of the difficulty could not be made out, but Markland alleges that the accused beat him severely, of course without provocation. They were arrested and held for a hearing.

District Court Argument List.—The members of the Bar interested will take notice that at nine o'clock this morning, and from day to day thereafter until it is disposed of, the argument list will be taken up in the District Court. The list is unusually heavy, having been accumulating for a long time, and it will require promptness to dispose of it during the coming week. The equity list is also a large one, and will take considerable time. There will be but one week allotted to argument, as upon the following week, commencing January 4th, jury trials will be resumed in their regular order by Judge Kirkpatrick.

The Western Pennsylvania Convention of Loyal but Disfranchised Men will convene in the A. M. E. Church, corner of Wylie and Elm streets, this (Monday) morning at ten o'clock, and continue in session two days.

The prominent questions for discussion before the Convention will be Religion, Education, Wealth, Economy, Suffrage.

A mass meeting will be held each evening in the main audience room of the church, and eminent speakers will address the people upon the subjects named above.

All who are friendly to the cause of *freedom* are cordially invited to be present.

S. A. NEALE, Chairman,
A. I. BILLOWS,
PAUL J. CARSON,
Committee on Address, &c.

St. Peters Episcopal Church.

The Superintendent and teachers of the Sunday School connected with St. Peters Episcopal Church, corner of Grant and Diamond streets, will give the children the annual Christmas celebration this afternoon, commencing at half-past two o'clock. A short religious service will take place in the church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Egar, after which all will adjourn to the Sunday School room, where a feast of good things, such as delight the little folks, will be given them.

Afraid of Poison.

James Brightmore has a healthy fear of any poisonous substance, which caused him to make information before Alderman Strain Saturday against his wife Bridget for surety of the peace. He states that, from sundry dark threatenings, he has become much alarmed for fear his loving spouse will hasten his departure from this mundane sphere by means of poison. James further alleges that he is in a constant state of fear on account of certain threatenings of a pugilistic individual named Wm. McCloskey, into whose society he is frequently thrown. To relieve the apprehensions of the unfortunate man, warrants for the arrest of Bridget and Mr. McCloskey were issued by the Alderman.

CHRISTMAS.

How it was Observed—Present Making—Amusements—Feeding of the Hungry—The Visit of Santa Claus—A Christmas Treat, &c., &c.

Christmas, the long anticipated holiday, has come and gone, now taking its place among those days to be remembered for the joy, gladness and happiness which marked them. The holiday was ushered in by a wind storm accompanied with snow flakes enough to whiten the ground, but not sufficient to invite sleighing or even to soften the frosty ground underfoot. The sun made his appearance at the usual time, but the air was so cold and piercing that it seemed his well directed rays were frozen into icicles before striking the earth. Notwithstanding the efforts of stern old Winter to the contrary, the day was universally observed, and thousands of persons put it in in a manner fully up to their brightest anticipations of enjoyment. Present making was quite general, and while we have heard of a few princely gifts, still the large majority were trifling in their character, just valuable enough to make the recipient feel the weight of the compliment bestowed. The order preserved in the city was very good, notwithstanding the fact that the drinking saloons transacted an immense business and that much drunkenness prevailed on the streets. Nearly all of the wholesale and retail stores were closed and the day, especially the afternoon, passed away like a quiet Sabbath.

AT BELLFIELD.

The children of Bellfield Union Sabbath School were entertained in their old chapel on Christmas morning with a grand holiday treat. The chapel which had been deserted for the elegant new one recently destroyed by fire, was made a perfect garden of beauty, being tastefully and elaborately adorned with sweet flowers and evergreens, and the fruit-laden Christmas trees which so delight the young. Some two hundred and forty boxes of sweet meats were distributed to the scholars, the gift of the friends of the school. The occasion was a peculiarly happy one, and the bright little innocents were no better pleased in receiving than were the zealous teachers in distributing.

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD.

The Philomathic Circle of Allegheny continued at an early hour in the morning the distribution of poultry, oysters, bread and beef to the poor, at the corner of Lacock and Sandusky streets. The attendance was large, and the sight was pleasing to the extreme. There were old and young, genteel and vulgar, well dressed and ragged, colored and white, and of all sexes, present for the bountiful gift of food. A gentleman present to witness the novel occasion, said that it was the opening of a new book to him, for he could not imagine that so many on a bright, cold Christmas morning could be found in our prosperous communities without so much as a breakfast between them and death. An aged lady, with a careworn, pretty little girl of ten summers, received a pair of chickens and some bread from the generous donors, and after making a most profound bow, turned to her companion and said: "Mary, dear, God *has* answered our prayers." The remark was not intended for vulgar ears, but it made a deep impression on those who recognized in it a powerful sermon.

Altogether, the Philomathic Circle made nearly three hundred poor families happy in abundance on Christmas day, and we feel sure that their generous and philanthropic conduct will be remembered where remembrance is held precious.

THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS.

At precisely three o'clock on Christmas morning, ere the gray had streaked the clouds to warn of the sun's rising, the venerable old Kriss Kingle, or St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, as he rejoices in either of these names, made his appearance. He looked very old, but the same happy smile was on his face, and he laughed right merrily as he tied his team of winged horses to the tower of St. Pauls Cathedral, lighted up the cross and his pipe too, and proceeded to parcel out his gifts. He had a long list of the names of good and bad children, and calling a number of his attendants together he proceeded to read them off. He read the good ones first and ordered the best toys and sweet meats to be distributed among them equally, and what was left he was going to take back to Boston, but thought the naughty little children here must feel sorry for doing wrong, so he would forgive them and show them by kindness that it is always better to be good. Then he set all his agents to work to fill the thousands of little stockings hanging up in every house at the chimney pieces, and to fill the plates on the tables, and to place fruits and toys and sweet meats on the pretty green trees planted in cozy parlor corners by the kind parents, who knew their children were good and that the kind old fellow wouldn't forget them. It was awful to see old Santa Claus work. In one hour he had distributed his whole stock. His agents, nice little fellows as big as Tom Thumb, went down the chimneys and filled the stockings and plates and trees, and then came back to report. Before he left Santa Claus jumped over into Allegheny, then back to Birmingham, then out to Lawrenceville, to see if any good little boy or girl had been forgotten, and he found that he had slighted some; but the people were moving by this time on the streets and he had to unloose his horses and whip off, promising to do better next year. Let all the children who did not get anything be good for a year and they will be the first remembered next Christmas.

THE RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS.

The Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches and those of many other religious denominations, held services on Friday, which were largely attended. At St. Pauls Cathedral the first mass was celebrated at five o'clock, and was attended by fully five thousand people. The altar was brilliantly illuminated by thousands of lights forming appropriate legends in words of fire. The brass band attached to the church played in good style a stirring Christmas hymn on the entry of the priests, and the choir, specially strengthened for the occasion, fully sustained its reputation. Rev. M. Wall occupied the pulpit and delivered a charitable discourse of no ordinary power and brilliancy. The services in the Episcopal and Lutheran churches, although not so pompous, were very interesting, and large congregations were present.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Opera House, at its matinee and evening performances, at which Edwin Booth appeared, was crowded to its utmost capacity, yielding immense profit to the enterprising management. The Old Theatre was also crowded, and many were turned away from the doors unable to gain admittance. Burnell's Museum was also patronized, being thronged from early morn till late at night. The Orphans' Fair received a full share of the amusement seekers and took in a great deal of money. The Mission Fair in Allegheny, the Trinity Church Fair in Lawrenceville, and others, were largely attended.

At the Academy there was an enormous audience present at both afternoon and evening entertainments, and yet multitudes were turned away disappointed, unable to get standing room. The popularity of the "Drummer Boy of Shiloh," it would appear, never will die out. Altogether the places of amusement were well attended and a vast sum of money was expended in that direction.

THE STREETS.

The cold weather kept the streets comparatively free from pedestrians, but still there were enough out in their best apparel to give the city an unusual holiday appearance. The toyshops, jewelry stores and other establishments which kept their doors open for trade transacted a fair share of business, but by no means so large as was done the corresponding day of last year.

Christmas past was a happy, enjoyable day, and may we all live to be merry on the next one.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Presents a New Plan of Vacation to Councils.

The officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company have withdrawn their original plan regarding their wants for depot facilities in the Seventh street neighborhood and substituted another plan which has been deposited for the inspection of members of Council in the office of the City Engineer.

It proposes the vacation of Grant street, from Seventh to Liberty; Eighth street, from Liberty to Fountain; Cherry alley, from Seventh to Liberty; Plum alley, from Liberty, and Poplar street, from Washington to Elm. This part of the proposition being acceded to, the Company will remove its tracks from Liberty and erect a new freight depot on Seventh street, probably at the corner of Seventh and Grant streets, but it is not proposed to change the passenger depot at present.

In order to obviate the difficulties and dangers which now surround the approaches to the Union Depot, the Company propose to construct two bridges, thus: One commencing at the grade of Washington street, at the intersection of Poplar street, which is the first cross street on Washington, above the Grain Elevator, and terminating on Penn street, immediately opposite the yards of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company. This bridge will stand at an elevation of sixteen and a half feet above the level of Liberty street, at the north-west corner of the Elevator building. After extending over Liberty street, it will run obliquely to the point designated on Penn street, which is immediately west of the tracks of the Fort Wayne and Cleveland and Pittsburgh roads. Its length will be between 700 and 800 feet, with a width corresponding to that of Washington street, which is forty feet. It is also proposed to construct another bridge over the south half of Liberty street, commencing at a point opposite the old Mansion House, running eastwardly, and rising so as to intersect the Washington street bridge at the Elevator; thence gradually descneding so as to strike the grade of Liberty street at or near Stevenson alley. This bridge will be about the same length as that leading from Washington to Penn street. These bridges are to be constructed of iron and handsomely ornamented. The ground in front of the Union Depot will be securely fenced, so as to cut off all communication except by means of the bridges, which will be made to accommodate vehicles as well as foot passengers.

Foot travelers, who wish to reach Liberty street, by way of Washington street, can take the bridge, and on reaching the Grain Elevator, descend a flight of steps which are to be placed at this point. Steps will also be constructed from the Liberty street bridge, descending into the yard in front of the Union Depot. Another flight will lead from the Washington street bridge, south of the Elevator, at the point where the present steps descend. As these bridges will be constructed to accommodate all kinds of vehicles, and as they will span all the railway tracks centering at this point, it is claimed that all the difficulties and dangers now existing will be entirely overcome. That portion of Liberty street not occupied by the proposed bridge will be left open to travel as at present—the bridge, however, being free to the use of every person. It will be observed that all communication with the Depot, by way of Grant street, will be cut off. Those who find this thoroughfare their nearest route to the railway trains will be compelled to take the Washington street bridge or go down to Smithfield street and approach the depot from the bridge along Liberty street.

We shall have something to say of this new plan in the course of a few days, and in the meanwhile invite our members of Council to examine the matter closely so as to be prepared to vote intelligently when the matter comes up for legislation.

Christmas Courtesies.

Among the many pleasant and agreeable reminiscences of Christmas to each of Sheriff Cluley's deputies was the receipt of a fifty dollar greenback from their genial and courteous superior in office. The Sheriff has a just and proper appreciation of a good assistant, and a happy tact and method in rewarding merit. Such acknowledgments serve to strengthen the bonds of friendship and esteem between the giver and recipient, and aid in the ready and cheerful performance of duty.

Prothonotary Walters invited each of his deputies to partake of a Christmas dinner at his residence on Center avenue. While assembled in the parlor, previous to the announcement of the feast, each of the deputies was surprised by a handsome gift, embracing gold watches and chains, and presented in behalf of Mr. Walters by Rev. J. J. Jones with a few happy and felicitous remarks. The surprised recipients were unable to convey their gratitude in words, but allowed their countenances to reflect their feelings. At the conclusion of the interesting ceremony the company partook of a bountiful repast with a relish which spoke volumes for the culinary abilities of the accomplished hostess.

Trinity Church Fair.

The congregation of the Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church are now holding at their Church, corner of Smallman and Twenty-fifth street, a grand fair and festival. It has so far been well attended, and both in point of pleasure and profit a decided success. It will keep open every afternoon and evening of the present week, closing on New Year's night. The contest for the reception chair to be awarded by vote to the most popular candidate for the Shrievalty, is waxing warm and attracts much attention. A gold watch is up for the most popular engineer, while a rich and elegant full set of silver is to be awarded to the most popular gentleman. The Fair is specially attractive, pleasant ladies attending the handsomely decorated booths, music enlivening the occasion and princely meals served up at all hours, together with elegant and toothsome refreshments. Let all attend. The Citizens Passenger Railway cars run every few minutes within a minute's walk of the church.

The Allegheny Riot.

The particulars of the political riot in Allegheny, on the evening previous to the last election, during which Mr. Geo. Bothwell was assaulted and almost killed, are still fresh in the minds of our readers. One of the parties implicated in the assault, Charles Magill, eluded the vigilance of the police for some time, but was apprehended in a saloon on Ohio street, Allegheny, Christmas afternoon by Chief of Police [illegible] who became aware of his whereabouts. The morning he gave bail

An Impostor.

Mayor Blackmore on Christmas morning committed a man giving his name as John B. Turner, to jail, for vagrancy. Turner had been arrested the evening before by officers Gordon and Wilson, while begging at the Union Depot, and representing himself as being deaf and dumb. The officers had recourse to stratagem to bring back his sleeping powers of conversation, and hearing. While walking down Liberty street, they proposed to place him in front of an approaching engine, and started to carry the idea into execution, when the fellow suddenly became cognizant of everything and bellowed like a bull. At the lock-up he gave his name as designated, and said he resided in Buffalo, N. Y. He wore three coats, one of which, from its make-up and general appearance, together with a silver star and the number 46 pin made to it, is supposed to have belonged to one of the Buffalo policemen. A number of bank checks, all filled up, were found up in his pockets, but he seemed entirely destitute of money. He won't need any for thirty days.

Saw Him at Last.

A short time ago, Mayor Drum, in accordance with instructions from the City Councils, placed a night-watchman on Troy Hill. John Kennedy, a resident of that locality, has often since expressed an earnest desire to gaze upon the countenance of the new official, but from the fact that he had never done so, concluded that none such existed. To make sure, however, on Saturday evening he placed himself on the outside of a considerable quantity of that exhiliarating beverage, beer, and started out to make a circuit of the hill. As "he traveled along, with frolic and song he cheered his lonely way," and found himself in a very few moments face to face with the object of his search, who immediately took charge of and conveyed him to the lock-up. He was furnished with a night's lodging by the city, at an expense of three dollars and a-half, which he paid to secure a release. He expressed himself as satisfied with the sight of the watchman. He has no particular desire to see him again. Once is sufficient.

Stolen and Recovered.

On Saturday afternoon Chief of Police Bowden arrested a man named John Neelis for stealing a cow belonging to Mr. James McDonald, proprietor of the St. Lawrence Hotel, Federal street. Neelis drove the animal on Friday afternoon from the Allegheny Commons up to Butchers Run and sold it for $20 to Mr. George Beilstein. The purchaser, suspecting it to be stolen from the price asked, told the seller to call on Saturday afternoon and get the money at the Allegheny market. When he called the Chief of Police, who had become aware of the loss of the cow, promptly arrested him. At the Mayor's office he confessed to the theft and acknowledged that he had been guilty of the same offense several times before. Residents along Ridge avenue and vicinity have lost several valuable cows lately, and it is suspected that Neelis knows something of their whereabouts. The one which he sold for $20 to Mr. Beilstein was valued at $75. He will be committed on a charge of larceny to-day.

Effects of Liquor.

Officer Swain, of Mayor Drum's police, had occasion, on Christmas afternoon, to pay an official visit to the residence of a man named Falkenstein, on Concord street, Seventh ward, Allegheny. The officer found Falkenstein and his wife lying on the floor of their wretched domicil, sleeping off the effects of a drunken spree, while their little boy, about six years of age, occupied one corner of the room upon a bundle of old dirty rags. The furniture of the apartment was scattered in innumerable small pieces, giving evidence of a domestic battle of considerable proportions. The little fellow stated that he had eaten nothing since the previous afternoon, and had been lying on his rag bed, almost frozen, the fire having gone out. A kind hearted lady in the vicinity upon being made aware of the case, took charge of him until his lawful protectors were brought to their senses. The man and wife were taken to the Mayor's office and after remaining there all night on Saturday morning were committed to jail.

Pugilistic, Almost.

Two young Alleghenians became involved in a dispute on Christmas day, which assumed such huge proportions as finally to demand settlement only in accordance with the latest rules of the "P. R." With this purpose in view they adjourned, accompanied by a crowd of friends, to the ground in the rear of the Western Penitentiary, and proceeded to divest themselves of all extra coverings—in other words to "strip for the fray." Things went smoothly enough until the word was given to "go in," when suddenly they discovered that the little difficulty might as well, and could be, settled without recourse to fighting. A consultation took place, wounded honor on both sides was satisfied, and the crowd dispersed, aided in their departure by the appearance of the police, who had got wind of the affair. They were too late, however, as the crowd disappeared at their approach like snow before the summer sun.

A Young Thief.

For some time past Mr. Charles Seibert, proprietor of a wholesale liquor store on Liberty street, noticed the mysterious disappearance of bottles of wine and other valuable liquors, but was unable to account for it. Circumstances at length aroused his suspicions and caused him to place a watch over the movements of a lad in his employ named John Kurtz. On Saturday evening the boy was detected in the act of conveying off several bottles of wine under his coat. Officer Reddy was called in and conveyed the young employé to the watch house, where he was locked up for a hearing. The goods already stolen amount in value to between two and three hundred dollars. Young Kurtz acknowledges having taken liquors on former occasions, but says he always paid for them afterwards. He resides with his father, Adam Kurtz, on Centre avenue, Allegheny.

A Christmas Difficulty.

Philip Sullivan states that he was at the Opera House on Christmas night, and on his way home stopped at a beer saloon in Birmingham. There was a large crowd in the saloon at the time and Sullivan, finding it impossible to get waited on immediately, took a seat at the stove. He had been seated but a minute or two when he was attacked by one of the crowd, who was seconded by the rest. After beating him pretty severely he was thrown out of the house by one of them, which humane action he verily believes only saved his life. On Saturday he made information against John Mackin, before Justice Ammon, for assault and battery, believing him to be the ringleader in the attack. The accused was arrested and gave bail for Court in the sum of $500.

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Kenwood Boarding School for Boys.—Four vacancies on January 6th. Apply to Rev. J. P. Taylor, New Brighton, Pa. 2w.

The place to get White Lime, Calcined Plaster, Hydraulic Cement, is at Ecker & Caskey's, 197 First street.

First Ward, Allegheny, Politics.

The Republicans of the First ward, Allegheny, held a caucus meeting on Saturday night and selected the following gentlemen as candidates for Republican nomination, to be voted for at the primary meeting to be held next Saturday evening:

For Councils (three to be voted for)—John Frazer, Thomas Smith, A. Hanna, H. M. Long, Joseph Fleming.

School Directors (two to be voted for)—Samuel R. Smith, J. B. Ingham, Henry Gerwig, Robert White.

Director of the Poor—Samuel Riddle, John Brown, Jr.

Assessor—G. W. Lyon, Alexander Glenn, Thomas Patterson.

Judge of Election—John J. Morrow.

Inspectors—W. G. Algoe, Wm. Atwell.

Return Inspectors—Joseph T. Johnson, Samuel Kain.

Constable—Samuel Irwin, Jas. Taylor.

Kleptomania.

On Saturday afternoon a very handsome young lady, of good family and respectable connections, permitted her love for the beautiful in dress and ornament to lead her into the disreputable act of stealing from the counters of Macrum & Carlisle, trimming merchants, 19 Fifth avenue, a quantity of fine silk sashes, bonnet ribbons and ties. She was discovered in the act and taken in custody, and goods valued at fifteen dollars, which she had stolen from the counters, found concealed on her person. We believe no criminal prosecution was entered, but that she was let off after many tears of sorrow and repentance. There is no telling how much our merchants lose from the operations of female thieves, and it is almost exacting too much to ask in the name of mercy that they be permitted to escape the disgrace of publication and punishment.

A Household Fairy.

Away back in ancient times, according to mythology, people were relieved of considerable trouble and helped along in their journies through life by the aid of some good fairy, which took their burdens upon itself. In these days, however, we have none of those mythological creatures to labor for us, consequently we are compelled to supply their places by others of a more practical character, such as for instance one of those handsome and serviceable Singer Sewing Machines, which may be purchased from the agents, Messrs. Straw & Morton, at the corner of Penn and Sixth streets. Without making any great boast of the Singer, the agents simply ask for it a trial, feeling confident that it will be fully up to the standard of a first-class family sewing machine.

Acceptable Presents.

If any of our readers have delayed making their holiday presents to friends on account of not being able to decide upon an appropriate gift, they should call at the popular drug and perfumery establishment of Burns & Caughey, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, and select something from the large and varied assortment of fine perfumery or fancy articles with which the firm have supplied themselves. Any of their rich toilette or cologne sets, fancy hair brushes, fine perfumeries, beautiful combs, &c., &c., would make an appropriate and acceptable present, and the reasonable prices at which they are offered can not be taken exception to by any purchaser.

MARRIED:

BECK—FERGUSON—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, 1868, at the Parsonage, by the Rev P. P. Davies, ROBERT D. BECK, of East Birmingham, and Miss EMMA R. FERGUSON, of Temperanceville.

KERR—BELL—On Thursday, December 24th at the residence of B. M. Hoffman, Esq., by the Rev. Sylvester Burt, Mr. JAMES B. KERR, of Pittsburgh, to Miss ANNIE A. BELL, of Noblestown.

DIED:

CARR—At Edgefield, on the 26th inst., CAROLINE, wife of William Carr, in the 41st year of her age.

The funeral will take place at 2 o'clock, P. M., on TUESDAY, 29th inst. Carriages will leave the corner of Seventh avenue and Smithfield street at 12 o'clock, P. M. 2

HETZEL—On Friday, December 25th, at her residence on Spring Garden Run, Mrs. GEORGIANA HETZEL, wife of George Heizel, Sr., in the 79th year of her age.

DRYDEN—At 11 o'clock Friday night, Mrs. JUDITH DRYDEN, in the 68th year of her age.

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